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AN explosion at the [Ashaka Cement Company Plc](#) believed to be a bomb blast yesterday claimed the lives of [three children](#) on their way home from a public laundry site.

The victims were pupils of a [Tsangaya Islamic school in Jalingo village](#), a neighbouring community of the Ashaka cement company in Funakaye Local Government Area of Gombe state.

Our reporter gathered that early yesterday, the pupils innocently picked up an object from the ground on their way to the laundry site, which they kept while they did the laundry. They then put the object in a bucket while heading back home.

The unsuspecting pupils met their untimely death when the object in the bucket exploded, [killing two of them instantly while the third one was rushed to General Hospital, Bajoga](#) but he died shortly afterwards.

Daily Trust learnt that the explosive device that was later found to be a bomb was dropped within the company's premises by armed robbers that raided a bank located within the company last Wednesday. The gang of six armed robbers that stormed the bank used the same explosives to blast the man-trap door of the bank, which shattered the security entrance.

The armed robbers dropped some of the explosive devices during their escape, on the same road the unsuspecting pupils picked the explosive device. The anti-bomb squad that was deployed from the zonal police headquarters in Yola helped in detonating one of the bombs found within the company's premises that was earlier cordoned off by the police.

The state police Public Relation officer, ASP Ahmed Doma confirmed the bomb blast and robbery incident in Ashaka Cement Company Plc, saying police had swung into action to arrest the perpetrators.



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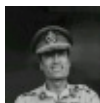
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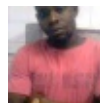
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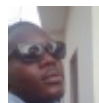
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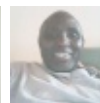
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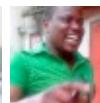
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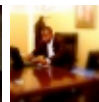
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