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Man killed while planting bomb on petrol tanker in Kaduna

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

A man was killed yesterday in Unguwar Mu'azu of Kaduna while attempting to plant a bomb on a petrol tanker parked along the busy Nnamdi Azikiwe Express Way.

Witnesses told *Daily Trust* that the yet-to-be identified bomber was disguised as a mad man. He was spotted carrying a carton containing explosives and was seen trying to plant it on a loaded tanker parked by the express way.

Unguwar Mu'azu, a suburb of Kaduna and located along Abuja-Kano road, is populated by mostly tanker drivers, who lift petroleum products from Kaduna refinery. Only the bomber and was killed and the petrol tanker was burnt down.

"The man, who disguised as a madman, came here (Unguwar Mu'azu) with a carton and kept it on top of a petrol tanker. Before he could turn, the carton fell on his legs, exploded and cut him into pieces. He was the only person that died. The petrol tanker was also burnt by the explosion," a resident of the area, Bala Ibrahim, said.

Kaduna Police spokesperson Aminu Lawan, who confirmed the incident, said that the person who died in the explosion was the one suspected to be carrying the bomb.

"One person died in the incident. And the person that died is the one suspected to be carrying a carton with explosives. There were no other casualties. Security has been beefed up all over the place," Lawan said.