1 killed, 7 injured as explosion rocks Yobe beer parlour

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One person was killed and seven others injured when an explosion rocked a beer parlour known as "Gidan Amarya" in Gashua, headquarters of Bade Local Government Area of Yobe State.

Residents told our correspondent that a huge sound was heard across many parts of the town at about 8pm on Sunday. Abdu Sheriff, a shop owner close to the Area, said many people scampered for safety.

"I heard the sound while we were observing our Isha prayers and immediately we finished, we rushed into our houses to hide. After some moments, we were informed that the explosion hit a beer parlour that is in a neighbouring community."

The police spokesman in Yobe State, Dungus Abdulkarim, confirmed the report to *Daily Trust*. He said the police Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD) squad were already deployed in the area to unravel the cause of the explosion.

Also confirming the report, the Chairman of Bade Local Government, Sanda Kara Bade, said security agencies had confirmed that an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was detonated in the area and killed one person while a few others were injured.

The chairman said the council would foot the bills of the injured victims.