

Terror suspect blows up self to evade arrest

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A man on Monday morning in Ibrahim Haske Road in the Keke community of Kaduna Millennium City in Kaduna State blew himself off with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in a desperate attempt to evade arrest by

security agencies.

Witnesses told City & Crime that gunshots were heard around 1am when officials from the Department of State Services (DSS), soldiers and the police arrived at the suspect's residence.

A security source revealed to our correspondent that an AK-47 rifle was found inside

the house, along with two other IEDs that were later safely detonated by the anti-bomb squad.

The source suggested that the deceased might have been a member of a terrorist group.

He said, "Tragically, the man's body was mutilated due to the explosive device, while his wife and children

were taken away by DSS officials in their vehicles."

The community leader in the area, Malam Samaila, confirmed the incident, noting that the security operatives barricaded the street to prevent people from approaching the suspect's house.

Samaila explained that it was likely that the security

personnel had tracked down the suspect to his residence to arrest him, but that realising that escape was impossible, he decided to take his life inside the house.

The state's police spokesman, DSP Jalige Mohammed, couldn't be reached for comment as calls to his phone were not answered.