

5 feared dead as gas explosion rocks Sokoto town

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Five persons were feared dead and several others injured as explosion rocked Isa town in Isa Local Government Area (LGA) of Sokoto State.

A resident of the area, Sanusi Surajo, told *Daily Trust* that the explosion took place around 12pm on Sunday.

"I was at home when I

heard a loud noise. When I came out, I discovered that it was the cylinder of a welder that exploded.

"Three people, including the owner of the shop, died instantly with their bodies dismembered. The police had to use sacks to evacuate their parts.

"Another person was said to have died later in the hospital while a trader around the area lost one of his hands and was

rushed to the hospital for treatment," he said.

Another resident, Usman Muhammad, said he counted five disfigured bodies at the scene of the explosion.

"I counted five badly disfigured bodies at the scene of the explosion. I saw some of the injured, including a couple. Some of them have either their legs or hands damaged," he said.

The chairman of the

LGA, Abubakar Yusuf Dan Ali, said he was not in the town when the accident happened as such he could not give an accurate account.

"But we are making contacts and gathering information for a necessary action," he said.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Sanusi Abubakar, said he had not been briefed about the incident.