

Many feared dead in Zamfara as bandits detonate another bomb

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Many traders are feared dead as another bomb exploded yesterday along Gusau-Dansadau Road in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Weekend Trust reports that yesterday's explosion brought the number of explosives detonated along Dansadau road to three within a week.

The first bomb was planted in Mai-Gungume village on Sunday which killed a commercial driver and the second was exploded at Yar Tasha village, killing one person and injuring three others, according to the police.

Weekend Trust gathered that yesterday's device,

which was planted between Malele and Zaman-lafiya villages in Dansaudau district, exploded around 8.30am when a commercial driver of a Canter truck drove on it.

A resident of Dansadau town, who pleaded anonymity, said scores of traders on board the truck fell victims of the incident, saying "We have not ascertained the number that died, but the injured are receiving medical treatment at Dansadau General Hospital."

According to him, the truck was conveying traders and bags of grains to Dansadau Market when the incident happened.

"Like the previous incidents, the device shattered the vehicle, killing some traders and

injuring others," he said.

Another resident, Aminu Ibrahim, said they were suspecting the renowned bandits' kingpin, Dogo Gide, of being responsible for the recent explosions in Dansadau axis.

"The bandits' leader has been terrorising this area because of the recent attack on his men.

The man has lost his men, including his famous lieutenant Sani Black, in an encounter with soldiers.

Also, five of his foot soldiers were killed while another lieutenant Rambo was injured in an encounter with soldiers about two months ago. This is why the man is planting the devices as revenge.

"The man has entered into an agreement

with several communities between Dangulbi and Magami villages and all he wants is to enter the same agreement with the people of Dansadau."

Until the time of filing this report, neither the police nor the Zamfara State government has given the number of casualties involved in the third incident.

Efforts to get the reaction of the police proved abortive, as all the phone numbers of the Police Commissioner and spokesperson of the command were not reachable.

But the Zamfara State Police Commissioner, CP Muhammad Shehu Dalijan, had earlier blamed the terrorist group Lakurawa of being responsible for the recent explosions in the state.