

2 victims of Zamfara market gunpowder explosion die

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Two victims of the gunpowder explosion at Talatan Mafara weekly market in Zamfara State have died while receiving treatment at Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

The deceased, identified as Muhammad Lawal Matusgi and Sani Adamu Kanarkalgo, passed away on

Wednesday morning.

The explosion, which occurred on Tuesday, injured about 50 traders and customers, many of whom suffered severe burns.

The incident took place around 11:30am in the section of the market where locally fabricated guns were sold.

A nursing staff member at the General Hospital, Talatan Mafara,

who spoke anonymously, said the 100-bed capacity hospital was already overwhelmed before the explosion.

Some victims were treated there, while others were referred to Sokoto for intensive care.

Meanwhile, Zamfara Police Command spokesman, ASP Yazid Abubakar, confirmed the incident but said he was yet to receive a full briefing.