

One Feared Dead In Jalingo Explosion

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AT least on one person was feared dead and over 12 injured in a bomb in Doruwa area of Jalingo, the state capital on Thursday.

No fewer than 12 persons were observed to have sustained various degrees of injuries in the explosion and are presently receiving medical attention in the emergency section of the Federal

Medical Centre (FMC) in the state capital.

The explosion, which occurred about 7.45p.m immediately brought business activities to standstill in the metropolis, as shop owners hurriedly locked up their shops and returned home.

Some of the victims, who spoke to The Guardian at the hospital, said they were going about their legitimate businesses when they heard an explosion, which took them unawares.

Red Cross officials, who were seen attending to the victims, told The Guardian that out of the 12 so far rushed to the hospital, three of the victims were rushed to the theatre, following the severities of their injuries.

Before living the hospital, one of the victims was reported to have died and his remains were seen being wheeled to the hospital mortuary.

Medical workers attached to the emergency section of the hospital were seen mopping the floor of bloodstains of bloods in most of the wards.

One of the attendants, who spoke to The Guardian said: "We have to clean up to prevent the hospital from smelling. Some of us were not even on duty, but we were called upon to come and assist."

The attendant, who craved anonymity, added: "With what I have seen, I believed that the number of death would increase, because the chances of those receiving treatments in the theatre is just too slim."

When contacted, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ibrahim Maishanu, through the command spokesman, Mr. Amos Oluoye, claimed that the command was yet to be briefed on the matter and was still expecting communication from the Divisional Police

Officer (DPO) attached to the area.

Meanwhile, security has again been beefed up across the state capital, as heavily armed policemen were seen conducting stop and search operations on all vehicles.

The area has been cordoned by security operatives who prevented people from entering and going out of the area.

The explosion came few hours after the impeachment of the Deputy Governor of the state, Alhaji Sani Abubakar Danladi.

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