

Explosion claims pupil's life, injures 10 in Kaduna

AN explosion in Kidandan village of Giwa Local Council of Kaduna State has claimed the life of a pupil of an Islamiyya school, while 20 others were injured.

Confirming the incident in a statement, the commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, said it was being thoroughly investigated by the security agencies.

He said: "According to preliminary reports from the tra-

ditional institution and security agencies, one of the pupils learning under a local cleric picked up an object from the bush, which later exploded amidst his fellow pupils."

Aruwan said one pupil, Zaidu Usman, has been confirmed dead, while 10 others injured were receiving medical attention at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Shika-Zaria.

He said: "Governor Uba Sani

has received the report with shock and sadness. He has sent commiserations to the victims and their families, praying for the repose of the soul of the deceased and a quick recovery for the wounded.

"The governor used the opportunity to appeal to parents and community leaders to increase their vigilance on the activities of their children and wards, given their susceptibility to various dangers."

Aruwan also said that the governor has directed the ministry to liaise with the security agencies for an urgent investigation into the cause of the explosion.

According to him, it is to ensure the safety of the residents, mobilise emergency support and ensure prompt medical attention to the victims.

Aruwan further said that updates would be duly communicated to the public by the