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## Bomb Blasts Kill One At Ikeja Cantonment

By Victor Ebimomi, Senior Reporter, Lagos

One person died in Lagos on Tuesday as bomb blasts from the bowels of Ikeja cantonment produced *dejavu* that led to pandemonium.

The shock wave sent a terror feeling into the residents of the cantonment who remember a similar incident in 2002 in which 1,000 lives were lost and several property destroyed.

Sources said the blasts on Tuesday were sparked off at about 2 p.m. by people who set fire on their farms in the barracks unknown to them that explosives were buried underground.

The explosives were triggered off by the intensity of the heat produced by the fire.

The deceased is said to be the son of a Sergeant from Benue State resident in the barracks.

Residents thought another major disaster had come upon the cantonment again; even when the blasts had subsided, they remained alert, anticipating the worst.

Ikeja Cantonment, also known as the 9th Brigade, threw the country into panic and mourning on January 27, 2002 when its armoury suddenly opened its bowels and flew ammunition menacingly into the air in different directions and landed them with earthshaking noise that reverberated all over Lagos.

The deafening noise threw the metropolis into confusion as residents scampered for safety.

The run for their dear lives became more chaotic when reverberations from the blasts made it impossible to easily locate the exact site of the incident.

Rumour was rife that a *coup d'etat* was going on.

It took the quick response of the then Governor Bola Tinubu and the Cantonment Commandant, Brigadier- General, George Edmin, to allay the fears of the public.

Both men jointly went on air to assure Nigerians that the blast did not herald a coup.

Terrified Lagosians trying to escape the scene ended up on the bed of a canal at Oke-Afa deceptively covered by water hyacinth. They jumped into it and got stuck.

A cenotaph was later erected at the place in remembrance of the more than 1,000 people who perished.

The incident is marked yearly by the state government and Ejigbo-Isolo Council Development Area.

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