

8 Killed In Explosion, Violence In Sokoto, Taraba

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Four people have died and three others in an explosion from a welder's shop at Isa local government area of Sokoto State while in Taraba State four people were killed yesterday in a religious crisis between Muslims and Christians in in Takum local government

area.

Properties worth millions of naira were also destroyed in Taraba Takum incident

A resident in Isa community of Sokoto told LEADERSHIP that "when I heard the loud explosion, what came to my mind was that bandits are on rampage.

"It was when I saw

people running towards the welder's shop where the explosion occurred that my mind was at rest, it was bandits that struck.

"Upon enquiry, I was told that the explosion was from a welder's shop and there were casualties and several others injured."

The state police command spokesperson, DSP Sanusi Abubakar,

when contacted, said the explosion occurred yesterday afternoon but put the casualty figure at four.

He said, "The explosion is not connected to the security challenges bedeviling the area, but as a result of an explosion from a cylinder in the shop of the local welder in the area leading to the death of four persons.