

3 Children Killed, Others Injured From Accidental Discharge In Taraba

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Three children have been confirmed killed and four others injured from an accidental discharge from a dane gun in Didango Gaita village in Karim-Lamido local government area of Taraba State at the weekend.

The police commissioner in the state, David Iloyonomon, confirmed the incident but debunked the earlier claims that the children were killed in an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosion or a dynamite explosion.

Iloyonomon said the children were playing with the dane gun which they took from a tree on their father's rice farm.

The incident caused fears among the villagers who fled for their lives suspecting that it was a terror attack.

Iloyonomon insisted that the victims were playing with the dane gun when the gunpowder exploded.

He said the four children who were playing under the tree were also injured with one fatally injured, adding that they were receiving treatment at the

State's Specialist Hospital in Jalingo, the state capital. The commissioner said, {"One Danjuma Audu gave the information to the police that there was an explosion which resulted in the death of three youngsters and the injury of four others.

"On the receipt of the information, we deployed the anti-bomb unit of the Nigeria Police Force whose men and officers rushed to the scene, conducted a thorough search and discovered that no exhibit is related to dynamite or IED recovered from the scene.