## Three children die from accidental discharge



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The children were said to be playing with the gun.

Commissioner of Police David Iloyonomon, who debunked earlier claims that the explosion was from an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), said

Three children were killed and four others sustained injuries after an explosion from a dane gun in Didango Geita village, Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State.

the three children were playing with the dane gun on a tree when the gun powder exploded.

According to him, the four others playing under the tree were injured and are being treated at the state's specialist hospital in Jalingo.

He said: "One Danjuma Audu gave the information to the police that there was an explosion which resulted to the death of three children and the injury of four others. The anti-bomb unit was deployed in the community, conducted a search and discovered that exhibits recovered from the scene are not related to dynamite or IEDs.

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"Instead, pallets from a dane gun which was evident in the bodies of the casualties and suspected to be responsible for their death was recovered. Since there was no assailant, it is suspected to be an accidental discharge."

Iloyonomon identified the three deceased children as Miracle Danjuma (11), Liyacheyan Bitrus (12) and Kefas Bitrus (11). Miracle is the son of the man who reported the incident.

Others who sustained injuries are Joseph Danjuma (8), Leah Aluda (8), Godbless Hassan (7), Christian Hassan