

Five feared dead, several wounded in Imo bomb explosion



A devastating bomb explosion rocked Ubeheze market in Awo Idemili, **Orlu Local Government Area** of Imo State, on Tuesday, leaving at least five people dead and several others wounded.

The explosion occurred around 11 am when traders were opening their stores.

Eyewitnesses described the scene as horrific with dead bodies littering the ground and wounded individuals lying in pools of blood.

A viral video showed people wailing and structures in the market blown into pieces.

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Residents, who spoke The Natiin on condition of anonymity expressed shock and fear over the incident.

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One eyewitness said: "We opened the market around 11 am, traders were seen bringing out their goods and suddenly what we heard was an explosion that rocked the entire market.

"Structures in the market were blown into pieces as woods, zincs, and other items were seen flying all over the place. Many traders were killed by the bomb explosion, including children."

Another resident, who declined to be named due to security concerns, said: "I don't want to speak because in that village, no youth is in the village. People are being careful because since five years ago, no police, except Ebubeagu and the army. Everybody is careful to say something that will bring calamity to his family."

Imo police spokesman, Henry Okoye, did not respond to text messages or phone calls.