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Taraba explosion: Police confirm six casualties

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THE Taraba State police command has confirmed that six persons were killed on Tuesday evening following an explosion at Iware market, situated about 30 kilometres from Jalingo, the state capital.

Although locals claimed 16 people were killed, the state

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Usman Abdullahi, informed newsmen that six deaths had been recorded.

However, a resident of the area, who identified himself as Mr Gbaabu, told the *Nigerian Tribune* that over 10 people who were taken to the hospital with injuries died on Tuesday night.

Gbaabu said: "As of the last count, 16 of our people have lost their lives. Some of them didn't die on the spot; they died in the hospital last night [Tuesday]."

"The situation of those still in the hospital is not too good and we are only praying for their survival.

"One cannot tell how ex-

actly the incident happened, or who planted it [the explosive], but we want security agencies to carry out thorough investigation to fish out the perpetrators."

The state governor, Darius Ishaku, had on several occasions, raised the alarm that Boko-Haram terrorists were regrouping in the state.

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