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# Explosion kills one, injures many in Kogi drinking joint

Investigation ongoing into the incident — Police

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KOGI State police command on Thursday confirmed that an explosion in Kabba community killed one person and injured many others at a drinking joint.

In a press statement, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP William Ovyé Aya, said the police received report of an explosion at a drinking joint at Lewu junction in Kabba, suspected to be gas explosion.

Aya said: "Immediately, the Commissioner of Police, Edward Egbuka, deployed operatives from the Police Mobile Force, Quick Response Unit, as well as conventional officers to the

scene, along with military personnel to control access and evacuate the victims to the hospital.

"During the process, one Aisha, who was injured by the explosion and evacuated to the hospital with others, later died.

"Others are, however, still receiving treatment at the hospital, while normalcy has been restored in the area.

"The commissioner of police has directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police Investigation to commence investigation into the incident, alongside personnel of the Explosives Ordinance Department (EOD), to unravel the cause of the explosion.

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