

Explosion kills one, injures 9 children in Kaduna community

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ONE person died while nine others sustained injuries as a result of an explosion, which occurred in Kidanden village of Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, on Saturday.

The affected persons, Sunday Tribune learnt were children.

Findings revealed that the incident occurred on Saturday afternoon when the children were playing with an object in a nearby bush.

"They were said to be playing with an object when suddenly it exploded and injured the children, a source had said.

Sunday Tribune investigation gathered that the victims

are currently being attended to at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Shika.

Confirming the incident, Kaduna State government said one of the 10 children had died.

In a statement issued on Saturday by the state Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel

Aruwan, and made available to newsmen, preliminary reports from the traditional institution and security agencies, claimed the explosion occurred when one of the pupils learning under a local cleric picked up an object from the bush.

In his reaction, the state governor, Senator Uba Sani, expressed shock and sad-

ness on the explosion, just as he commiserated with the victims and their families and prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased and a quick recovery for the wounded.

The governor also appealed to parents and community leaders to increase their vigilance on the activities of their children and wards, given

their susceptibility to various dangers.

The governor has directed the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs to liaise with security agencies for an urgent investigation into the cause of the explosion, to ensure the safety of residents, mobilize emergency support and ensure prompt medical attention to victims.