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Bomb explosion kills soldier, two others in Niger

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Three persons, including a soldier and two others, lost their lives during an explosion that rocked the Gari Market square at Gari village near Kontagora town, Niger State on Saturday morning

Eyewitnesses said the explosion was carried out by an unidentified suicide bomber, adding that four others were also injured.

But the Police Public Relations officer, Bala Elkana, who confirmed the incident, explained that the explosion was as a result of wrong handling of explosive device by a newly recruited soldier who just returned from Maiduguri.

Elkana identified the soldier as Private Tanko Damina.

According to him, “Damina just returned from Maiduguri, he came back with some explosive device and was in the habit of showing off to the villagers that he was actually involved in the Maiduguri operation.

“Damina used to carry the explosives on his body around the village.”

The PPRO said on Saturday that the explosives went off in the market place, killing the soldier and two others and injured four others.

He said, “We thank God that it was not a market day because the casualty would have been very high.”

Elkana insisted that it was not a suicide bomb attack.



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The police experts to the home of the deceased to check if there were other explosive devices in the residence.

The incident was said to have created panic in the village but the police said “everything is now normal.”

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