

Abuja Islamic school bomb explosion kill 2, injure others, police arrest school owner

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The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command has confirmed the death of two persons in a bomb explosion at the Tsangagyar Sani Uthman Islamiyya School located in Kuchibuyi Village, Byazhin area.

The explosion which took place at about 11 O'clock, yesterday morning, was said to have left two other persons critically injured.

FCT Command Police Public Relations Officer, Josephine Adeh, in a statement, said the incident was reported to the police by the Sarki of Kuchibuyi. The Police deployed a team of operatives, including the Command's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team and the Area Commander of Kubwa to the scene.

She said the owner of the school, Mallam Adamu Ashimu, has been taken into custody for questioning, after men operatives of the FCT Bomb Squad confirmed that the explosion was that of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), adding that remnants of the device have been recovered. She said investigation was ongoing and promised to make the outcome public in due course.

Adeh's statement read: "The FCT Police Command regrets to inform the public of a tragic incident involving a suspected bomb explosion that occurred on January 6, 2025, at approximately 11am at the Tsangagyar Sani Uthman Islamiyya School, located in Kuchibuyi Village, Byazhin area of the FCT.

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“Upon receiving a distress call from the Sarki of Kuchibuyi, a team of police operatives, including the Command’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team and the Area Commander of Kubwa, swiftly mobilized to the scene. The area was immediately cordoned off to protect residents and facilitate a thorough investigation.

“During the rescue operation, victims were promptly evacuated and rushed to the Hospital for medical attention.

“Preliminary investigations revealed that three men from Katsina had visited the owner of the Islamic school, Mallam Adamu Ashimu. The three visitors are suspected of having brought the explosive device with them. Tragically, two of the men died in the explosion while tampering with the improvised explosive device (IED), on the school Veranda while the third man and a female trader sustained severe injuries and are currently receiving treatment under police guard.

“The FCT Bomb Squad has confirmed that it was an IED explosion, as remnants of the device have been recovered.

“Mallam Adamu Ashimu, the owner of the school, has been taken into custody for questioning, and further findings will be communicated in due course.

“The Commissioner of Police, FCT, CP Olatunji Disu urges members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity, behavior, or items that may resemble improvised explosive devices to the police...”