

Nine feared killed as bomb explosion rocks Borno

●NiMet urges North East, South West states to prepare for flood

At least, nine people have reportedly been killed after a bomb exploded in Bama Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State.

It was gathered that the incident happened yesterday afternoon since Bama is 68 kilometers from Maiduguri.

The victims were scrap metal scavengers who reside in Government Girls Secondary School Bama, which is now an internally displaced persons' camp.

Although details of the explosion was still sketchy as of the time of

publishing this report, but efforts to get confirmation proved abortive.

Meanwhile, Nigerians, especially those in Taraba State and some parts of the South West areas, have been advised by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) to prepare for impending flood as a result of expected rainfall.

Director-General of NiMet, Prof Mansur Matazu who urged Nigerians not to be caught unawares, gave the advice following the recent rainfalls experienced across the country.

Matazu noted that NiMet recorded 95 percent precision and accuracy in the last 15 years even when the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said 60 percent precision is good.

Lamenting that some states and local governments are not adhering to early warnings issued by the federal government by aligning to activities at the national level aimed at mitigating the effect of floods, he also stressed the need for MDAs to take all the warnings from NiMet to mitigate the impact of flooding.