

Death toll rises to 11 in Kano mosque explosion

The death toll from Wednesday's attack on a mosque at Gadan, a community in Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State, has risen to 11, the police and residents of the area have said.

Residents said they buried at least 11 victims of the attack, mostly aged persons.

A resident of the community, Shafi'u Abubakar, had sprayed the mosque with fuel, locked worshippers inside and set it ablaze. The police initially said Mr Abubakar used a petrol bomb, but locals believed no explosive device was involved.

It was learnt that one person died while on admission at the Murtala Muhammad Specialists Hospital following the incident that affected at least 40 people.

The spokesperson of Kano State Police Command, Abdullahi Kiyawa, said yesterday that 11 victims of the attack had died as of that morning.

Mr Kiyawa said 13 more victims were receiving treatment at the Murtala Muhammad Specialists Hospital.

The police arrested Mr Abubakar immediately after the incident early Wednesday morning.