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Explosion kills 2 at Bauchi Water Board

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Bauchi—No fewer than two persons were roasted in the fire caused by an explosion that rocked Bauchi State Water Board building in Misau Local Government Area yesterday, while several others sustained serious injuries.

Eyewitness account said the victims included a staff of the board and a welder, whose mending of a leaking oil tank caused the explosion.

The eyewitness, who pleaded anonymity, said the victims died instantly following the explosion that preceded the fire.

He said the injured victims of the explosion were conveyed to the Federal Medical Centre, Azare, and later referred to Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Teaching Hospital, Bauchi, due to the gravity of the injuries they sustained.

Another resident of Misau, Yerima Abdu, said whenever there was fire in the area, it often got out of control because fire service vehicles had to come all the way from Azare to stop it.

He said: “The state government should establish a fire station in Misau Local Government to minimise the damage caused by fire in the area.”

Yerima called on the people of the area to always be cautious while operating electrical appliances to avert a recurrence of fire.

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