

2 killed, scores injured in bomb explosion in Imo

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OWERRI—TWO persons were said to have been killed, while others were injured in a bomb explosion, yesterday, at Orlu International Market, in Imo State.

Eyewitnesses confirmed the tragedy to newsmen in Owerri.

According one of them, a shop owner at the market, who

did not mention his name for security reasons, said: "The explosion brought to an end the market activities of the day.

"Some of us while running got injured. I lost money and one of the keys to my shop as I was running with my five-year-old son."

Another eyewitness, a lady who has provision shop said: "Tomorrow (today), I am not coming to the market. We

need to know who are these people that came to bomb us. The security agencies should come now and protect Orlu International Market. We are now the target. Why is this kind of thing happening to us?"

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Henry Okoye, said: "Two persons who incidentally were the hoodlums were killed in the

process of setting up an IED when it exploded.

"We have deployed operatives to the area. No cause for alarm. We ask all Imolites to report suspicious activities in their areas and be vigilant.

"The state Commissioner of Police, Aboki Danjuma, has deployed Anti-Bomb operatives to the scene."