

News

Bomb explosion claims lives, injures many in Zamfara

SEVERAL persons were feared dead in Zamfara yesterday as bomb explosion rocked Gusau-Dansadau road in Maru Local Government Area.

Many others also sustained various degrees of injuries.

Reports indicate that the explosive device, believed to have been planted by bandits, detonated on a heavily trafficked section of the road, targeting both travelers and local residents.

The incident was reported by Zagazola Makama, an expert in counterterrorism and insurgency in the Lake Chad Basin, via a post on his X account.

Makama said this explosion marked the second such attack along this route, signaling a troubling shift in the tactics of bandits operating in the area.

He warned that the use of explosives by the bandits represented a significant escalation in the region's insecurity.

"Traditionally known for their activities such as kidnapping, cattle rustling, and armed attacks, the use of explosives introduces a new level of insecurity in the region," Makama said.

Military confirms explosion

The military confirmed the bomb explosion yesterday, saying the safety and security of citizens was of paramount importance.

Coordinator of the Joint Media Coordination Centre of Northwest Operation, Fansar Yamma, Lieutenant Colonel Abubakar Abdullahi, while confirming the explosion yesterday, said troops were currently collaborating with local law enforcement personnel to assess the situation, and ensure that those responsible were apprehended. It urged the public to remain vigilant, and report any suspicious activities, as troops were actively on the ground, to prevent further incidents, and ensure the safety of all commuters.