

# **Zamfara market explosion: NEMA confirms 4 deaths, 50 injured**



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**Abuja — National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, has confirmed that four persons lost their lives while 50 others sustained injuries in the Talata Mafara market explosion in Zamfara State on Tuesday.**

**In a statement, yesterday, NEMA's Director General, Mrs. Zubaida Umar, said the agency swiftly deployed a rescue team from its Sokoto Operations Office to respond to the incident.**

**Preliminary findings revealed that the explosion, which was caused by fire, destroyed shops and stalls in the market.**

**Eyewitnesses claimed that the explosion was triggered by a cigarette butt carelessly discarded igniting combustible materials in the market.**

**Among the injured, 46 people were taken to Usman Dan Fodio University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, where they are receiving treatment in orthopedics, surgery, ICU burn unit and ENT departments.**

**NEMA said it was working closely with the Zamfara State Emergency Management Agency and other relevant authorities to provide support to victims.**

**Emergency response efforts were ongoing to assist affected traders and prevent further casualties, the agency noted.**