

Kano deaths

Confirming the Kano incident, the state's Commissioner of Police, Adamu Ibrahim, said: "I received a call about the incident that had happened. When I arrived, I found that it was a suspected explosion, possibly EOD, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, personnel on a military mortar bomb that exploded. Fifteen people were affected and rushed to Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital. I found out that five died and 10 were receiving treatment."

The statement clarified that the explosion occurred during the offloading of scrap metal at the factory. The police, upon receiving a distress call from the company's Marketing Manager, Mr Ibrahim Udazu, immediately deployed personnel and equipment to secure the scene and avert further damage.

"Personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit, as well as the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Wears team, successfully recovered seven suspected explosive devices without additional injuries," Abdullahi noted.

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Although the origin of the mortar remains unclear, preliminary findings suggested the explosive might have been unintentionally transported alongside other scrap materials from Yobe State.