

REPORT ON A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION THAT KILLED FIVE (5) PEOPLE IN CHITUNGWIZA

On the 21st of January 2013 at about 2:30pm Zengeza 2 township was shattered by a loud explosion.

According to the police and eye witnesses, the explosion emanated from house number 4 in Ndororo Road.

It is believed that one of the occupants of this house was a traditional healer who was living with his wife and step child. The other occupant was a woman who was also staying with her child.

It is alleged that at the time of the explosion occurred, the traditional healer was attending to two male clients whilst another client waited in the lounge. It is also believed that there was a queue of about twelve (12) clients by the gate waiting for their turns.

Five people one of them a child died in the explosion. The house in which the explosion occurred was completely obliterated. The bodies were disfigured beyond recognition. Three (3) houses which are adjacent to the house in question were also severely damaged and would require to be reconstructed.

Buildings on the opposite block had their windows shattered by the powerful explosion. Twelve (12) people in the queue were injured with three (3) of them in serious condition. All the injured were ferried to Chitungwiza Hospital.

A total number of seven (7) families were affected by the explosion as they were left homeless. Nearly all their property was destroyed or damaged.

A rapid assessment conducted by the Department of Civil Protection revealed that the affected families may required the following assistance:

- Accommodation
- Food
- Blankets
- The four (4) houses need to be reconstructed
- Clothes may also be required for the survivors in the houses in question

It is not certain what caused the explosion. The police and the Army Engineers are on the scene trying to establish what could have caused the explosion.

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