

# Terrorists bomb Kwara, Niger communities, kill 9, destroy bridges

## •Obi fumes over attacks

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**RAMPAGING** terrorists launched coordinated attacks in parts of Kwara and Niger states, killing nine persons and destroying bridges.

Niuku village, near Woro Community, in Kaiama Local Government Area in Kwara State was hit by a deadly explosion, after a vehicle drove over an improvised explosive device, IED, yesterday morning.

Vanguard gathered that one person reportedly lost his life, a mother escaped death with serious injuries, while her baby was unharmed in a commercial

Toyota Hiace bus. Eyewitnesses said the explosion occurred about 200 metres from Woro, a community still reeling from a February 3, 2026 attack that left nearly 200 people dead and about 176 abducted.

The vehicle, moving toward the community, detonated the IED, causing a loud blast that spread panic across nearby settlements.

Residents said the incident has further heightened tension in Kaiama and the surrounding areas, with fears of renewed attacks.

They have called for an increased security presence to prevent further tragedies.

Community leaders, however, have urged calm as security agencies intensify surveillance.

### Police confirms one dead

State Police Commissioner, Mr. Adekimi Ojo, said only one person died in the bomb explosion, while a mother sustained severe injuries and her baby remained unscathed.

Speaking to journalists after returning from the scene, the police chief debunked earlier claims by residents that scores had been killed in the incident.

He explained that the explosion involved a commercial Toyota vehicle carrying a driver and a female passenger—a nursing mother with her young baby, saying “The driver died on the spot after stepping on the IED, and the woman sustained serious injuries. However, the baby was unscathed.”

He added that the security situation in the area has since been brought under control.

A resident, Dr. Abdul Woro, described the scene: “They planted the explosive on the road. As soon as the vehicle passed, it went off. The driver died instantly and the woman was badly injured.”

Confirming the incident, the Chairman of Kaiama Local Government Area, Abubakar Abdullahi, said the attack occurred shortly after 7 a.m., calling it a calculated act of retaliation by criminal elements.

“The vehicle was carrying two passengers, including the driver, when the explosion occurred. Sadly, the driver lost his life on the spot due to the impact,” he said.

Abdullahi added that the injured woman sustained severe wounds, including fractures and a deep head injury, and has been referred to Ilorin for advanced medical care following initial treatment.

Linking the attack to recent security operations, Abdullahi said: “This is clearly a reaction. We recently arrested one of their major motorcycle suppliers and some of their members, and they are not happy about it.”

He revealed that two IEDs had been planted, but only one detonated.

The council chairman assured that security agencies have secured the area and restored calm, while maintaining heightened surveillance to prevent further attacks.

“The area has been secured, and the police have completed their operation there. We are, however, raising alarm over the role of informants in aiding criminal activities,” he said, calling on residents to support ongoing efforts.

“We are calling on residents to support security agencies with credible information,” Abdullahi added.

### Niger attacks

Meanwhile, in Niger State, terrorists struck the Borgu Emirate in the early hours of yesterday, reportedly killing eight persons and bombing a key bridge as well as detonating explosives in several communities.

The Lunma-Babana bridge was destroyed around 5 a.m., preventing villagers from crossing to other parts of the area, including the popular Babana Monday Market.

A source told our correspondent: “In the early hours today, bandits stormed Borgu Local Government Area and bombed the Lunma-Babana bridge. Apart from the bridge,

explosives were detonated between Rafingiwa and Babana and at Woro and Kaiama, forcing residents to flee.”

The Chairman of Borgu Local Government, Mohammed Nasir Abdullahi, confirmed the attack, stating: “There was an attack by the bandits, and we are trying to verify the magnitude. A bridge was damaged, and people have been sent to assess the situation.”

A competent source added that the bandits’ main objective appeared to be destroying the bridge to hinder vehicular movement, particularly to disrupt the Monday market.

Further reports indicate that a vehicle traveling between Nuku and Woro villages in Kwara stepped on one of several IEDs planted by the bandits, resulting in the death of the driver, though the total casualties remain unconfirmed.

The Niger State Police confirmed the bombing of the bridge in a statement issued by Spokesman Superintendent of Police Wasiu Abiodun: “On 23rd March 2026 at about 6:30 a.m., reports revealed that suspected terrorists within the Park Forest used an explosive device to bomb a bridge along Luma Road, Borgu LGA, connecting Luma-Babana-Agwara communities.

The bridge was damaged by hoodlums against security operations. Monitoring continues while clearance operations are intensified.”

As at press time, no official statement had confirmed the number of casualties during the attacks in both states, and security agencies are continuing their operations to secure affected areas.

### Terrorists control communities — Obi

Reacting, former Anambra State Governor, Peter Obi, has warned that terrorists are now effectively in control of some Nigerian communities, forcing residents out of their homes and assuming roles meant for government authorities, following reports from Borgaja and other areas in Sokoto State.

Obi highlighted a stark reality: in parts of the country, fear now governs daily life, and the authority people obey is no longer the government, but armed groups dictating where residents can stay and how they live.

He made the statement on Monday, while addressing the worsening security situation and its implications for governance and national stability.

“What we are witnessing in Borgaja and other communities in Sokoto State, and indeed across our country, is tragic. It reflects a complete breakdown of governance and humanity.”

“Reports that terrorists can order citizens to flee their ancestral homes without consequence are both heartbreaking and unacceptable.”

“It means that in parts of our country today, non-state actors have assumed the authority of the state, deciding who lives where and under what conditions.”

“This is not how a nation should function. How did we reach a point where Nigerians are taking instructions from terrorists instead of their government?” he asked.

Obi cautioned that no nation can make meaningful progress under such conditions, where fear is constant.

“I have consistently maintained that no nation can progress when its people live in fear. This is no longer just a security issue; it is a national emergency.”

“The primary responsibility of any government is the protection of lives and property. Nigerians deserve to live in peace, not at the mercy of terrorists,” he added.



•The bombed Lunma-Babana bridge, in Borgu local government area of Niger State.

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
OSUN STATE OF NIGERIA  
(PROBATE DIVISION)

WHEREAS the person's whose names are set out in the second Column of the said schedule date and the place mentioned therein.

AND WHEREAS the person's whose names and address set out in the second Column of the said schedule along (wherever found necessary or expedient) with the particulars of their relationship to the deceased have applied to the High Court of Justice, Osun State of Nigeria for the grant unto them of letters of administration in respect of the and/or personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Letters of Administration will be granted to the said Applicants unless a notice of prohibit such grant is filed in the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Osogbo, Osun State of Nigeria within twenty-one (21) days from today.

### SCHEDULE

#### DECEASED

1. KAYODE EMMANUEL OMONIYI  
late of Zone D, Agbarabada, Owode Ede, Osun State, who died on the 29th day of February, 2024 at Osogbo

2. OLUSOLA ABOSEDE OLAJIDE  
late of AGE 17, Alafia Quarters, Concord Area, Ilesa Osun State, who died on 2nd day of February, 2018 at Ilesa

3. JOSEPH LEKAN OLAJIDE  
late of AGE 17, Alafia Quarters, Concord Area, Ilesa Osun State, who died on 11th day of May, 2024 at Ilesa

4. CAROLINE OLOBISI MAKINDE  
Late of Oluwatodo Area Modakeke, Osun state who died on 14th day of April 2025 at Modakeke.

#### APPLICANT FOR GRANT

1. Omoniye Temilope Oluwatoyin of Zone D, Agbarabada, Owode Ede, Widow of the said Deceased.

2. Moniyilola Olajide & Oyinioluwa Olajide AOE 17, Alafia Quarters, Concord Area, Ilesa Children of the said Deceased.

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4. Makinde kayode Abiodun of Oluwatodo Area Modakeke, Son of the Said Deceased.

Dated 24th day of MARCH, 2026.

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