

Mohammed Idris (not real name), a 38-year-old chicken seller and father of seven, was close to the entrance of the market when the first bomb exploded. He told Amnesty International that just before the explosion he noticed an argument at the entrance of the market between the Civilian JTF member carrying out security checks and two women, a young girl probably aged 13 and a woman in her forties. "I fell down, in my front there is fire, some people were there. Later I see my legs are injured," he said. "Some people were on fire, the fire was burning off their clothes. I crawled out of the place, there is fire everywhere."¹⁷¹

Ali Mohammed (not real name), a chicken seller from Bauchi state, sat on a bench 10 metres from where the bomb exploded. He told Amnesty International: "I heard an explosion. After I fell down. I saw all my body was blood. I want to see my hand. I thought my hand was broken. I saw my partner. We all fell down. Everyone lying down." He was seriously wounded and had surgery that same day to remove metal pieces from his arms, chest and face.¹⁷²

At least five explosions in Monday Market and two bus stations in Maiduguri left more than 45 people dead on 7 March 2015.¹⁷³ Musa Chiroma (not real name), a 41-year-old car dealer, was standing outside a second hand car dealership next to the Borno Express bus station on Kano Road just before 1pm. His colleagues were seated on a bench by the road while Musa concluded a deal, when a bomb exploded. Seven of Musa's colleagues were killed: "The blast was not more than five metres away from them. People came to help us and took us to the hospital. When we went to the hospital they tried to bring up all the metal and treated me."¹⁷⁴

Aliyu Hussein (not real name), 28 years old, was injured in a separate explosion at the Baga road bus station. He pulls a small cart for carrying passengers and had just approached the bus station when the bomb exploded. "I fell down from the trolley and saw I was injured. When I opened my eyes, all my surroundings were dead bodies. The two passengers were opposite me; they died instantly. They were laying down five metres away from me. Then people came and they put my inside a vehicle and brought me to the hospital."¹⁷⁵

Monday Market was also targeted again on 7 March 2015. Alkali Goshe (not real name), a 26-year-old member of the Civilian JTF, was screening people at the entrance to Monday Market with a hand-held metal detector. "As we were searching people in the line, we saw somebody, a young man around 20. He came then he blew himself up instantly. Some people fell down, most have died. The women standing there were injured. I fell down and saw blood on my legs and hands. There was blood all around me, dead people."¹⁷⁶

On 10 March 2015 an explosion outside Monday market killed at least six people, according to an eyewitness who went to the scene immediately after the attack. More than 20 injured

wounded people who were taken to hospital.

¹⁷¹ Amnesty International interview, January 2015

¹⁷² Amnesty International interview, January 2015. Amnesty International interviewed three people, including two eyewitnesses to the bombing.

¹⁷³ Amnesty International interviews, March 2015. See also *Premium Times*, "Maiduguri multiple bomb attacks: 55 killed, 146 injured in five suicide attacks", 7 March 2015; <http://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/headlines/178123-maiduguri-multiple-bomb-attacks-55-killed-146-injured-in-five-suicide-attacks.html>. (accessed on 26 March 2015).

¹⁷⁴ Amnesty International interview, March 2015.

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