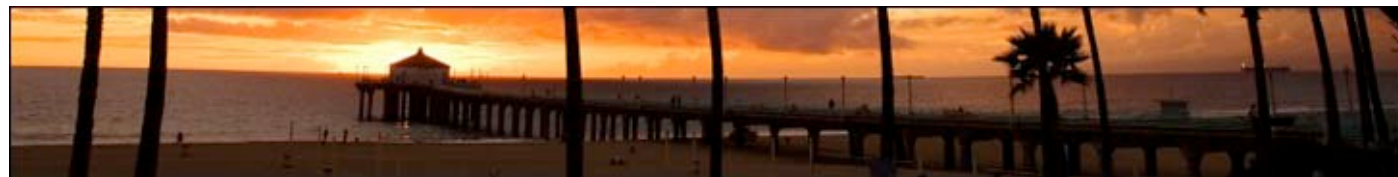


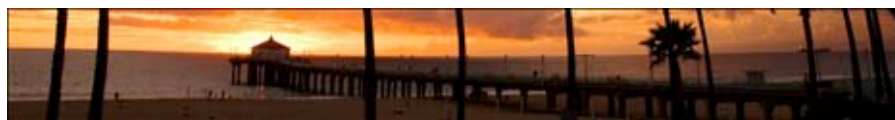
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Maiduguri — AN early morning bomb blast yesterday killed two people and injured three others in Maiduguri while an officer of the civil defence was waylaid and killed by some gunmen in Bama on Wednesday.

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Spokesman of the Joint Task Force (JTF) Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Mohammed said the locally improvised explosive device (IED) was planted by members of the Jama'atu Ahlis Sunnah Lidda'awati Wal Jihad, also known as Boko Haram.

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"The explosive which was targeted at one of our patrol vehicles was planted on the pavement that divided the dual carriage road that leads to the Baga Market," the spokesman said.

Witnesses, who live in Bolori, Ibrahim Taiwo and Wulari areas said they heard a loud bang around 8.20am and shortly after the blast, sporadic shootings followed which left some people dead and many

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others seriously injured.

Alhaji Mustapha, a resident of Bolori said he saw about 11 people on the ground during the gun duel which lasted for several minutes.

"One of my brothers whose name is Liman died after he sustained gunshots. He was a taxi driver. Also, Usman Alhaji Lomboi, a lecturer at the Ramat Polytechnic Maiduguri is now at the hospital as a result of bullet injuries that he sustained in his back and thigh," he said.

Lieutenant Colonel Hassan said when members of the JTF rushed to scene of the incident, they found two dead bodies and two other people that sustained injuries. "We took all of them to the hospital," he said.

He added that the JTF members also engaged the members of the sect in a gun battle, but that the sect members fled. He added that no arrest was made.

And in Bama, about 100 km away from Maiduguri,, an officer of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, AbdulMalik Abdullahi, 30, was reportedly killed by suspected gunmen.

The incident took place on Wednesday when the deceased was heading towards the army barracks in the outskirt of the city.

Before the bomb explosion in Maiduguri, there was pandemonium at the Baga market as people ran helter skater as a result of sporadic shooting around the Ibrahim Taiwo police area command.

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Traders at the market quickly closed their shops and the whole market was deserted while motorists heading towards the post office area changed their routes.

A witness told our correspondent that that about three men who drove in a Volkswagen Golf car attempted to attack the police station by firing gunshots while the policemen at the station fired back.

The area was cordoned off for about two hours by men of the JTF.

The JTF spokesman called on members of the public to report to security agencies any suspicious movement.

"Residents should alert us whenever they see some people digging holes around their premises and major roads for the purpose of planting IEDs," he said.

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