

Teenage bomber kills self, 5 in Yobe

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A teenage suicide bomber detonated an explosive device strapped to her body early yesterday, killing herself, five people and wounding about 41.

There were separate blasts around 7:30 am at the main gate of the Damaturu Central Motor Park and the Pompomari By-pass.

The attack came a month after a teenage suicide bomber blew herself up at the entrance of the Damaturu Sunday market, killing 19 persons and wounding 47.

Police spokesman, Toyin Gbadegesin, said the girl who blew herself up at the Central Motor Park was about 14 years old.

He said another suicide bomber, a male aged 12, attempted to detonate another explosive in a tricycle along Pompomari By-pass but was discovered by a passenger who alerted security operatives.

"After a hot chase by security operatives, he ran into a farm and detonated the explosive, killing himself and wounding a farmer working on the farm", he added.

Gbadegesin said 41 people sustained injuries. Meanwhile, Yobe State Governor Ibrahim Gaidam has expressed sadness over the attack and sent condolences to families of victims.

A statement by his Director of Press Affairs Malam Abdullahi Bego said Gaidam condemned the attacks as callous and senseless.