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An untrained domestic dog privately owned by one of the residents of Balbelu community in Jere Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State, yesterday morning foiled a suicide bomb attack on dozens of women gathered at a house in the area for a wedding.

A few hours earlier within the same local government area, other two similar attacks at Muna Garage and Dusuman community respectively were

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also prevented by the residents. In all, the attackers had killed only themselves and injured one other person.

Confirming the incidents, the Police Spokesman, Borno State Command, DSP Victor Isuku, said in a message to newsmen, "Today (yesterday) at 0438 hours, two male suicide bombers detonated IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) strapped to their bodies at Alhaji Bukar Gujari filling station in Muna Garage area, killing themselves alone. Only a truck was partly damaged."

He added that in Damsunan village, "A suicide bomber detonated an IED strapped on him almost at the same time, killing himself while one person was injured," and that at the Balbelu community in Jere LGA, at 0733 hours, a female suicide bomber with IED strapped to her body, attempted to infiltrate a wedding ceremony, but "She was prevented by a watch dog, so she detonated the IED, killing herself and the dog." She stressed that no other casualty was recorded in that incident also, and that normalcy had since been restored.



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