4 dead, 8 injured in Maiduguri blast

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At least four people, including the two bombers, died and eight others were injured when twin bombers attacked Maiduguri yesterday.

Witnesses said the incident occurred at Muna Garage area of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, where one of the two suicide bombers detonated the IED on him, killing himself and two others and injuring eight people.

The second bomber allegedly snatched a riffle from a soldier before he was shot dead by an officer.

"The first blew up himself and a small boy and injured five, including policemen. As State Emergency Management Agency staff arrived the scene to rescue the wounded civilians, behold another boy came shouting Allah Akbar, grabbed a soldier and snatched his AK47 rifle but luckily enough he could not open fire, as while approaching another officer, he was shot dead and another civilian killed in a cross fire," a witness said.

But the police said two persons died while 11 others injured in the Muna Garage blast.

A late evening press statement signed by ASP Murtala R. Ibrahim, Deputy Police Public Relations Officer of the Borno state Police

Command yesterday said at about 1: 35 pm, a male suicide bomber with IED strapped on his body, moved towards SARS Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) patrol team at Muna Garage area.