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2 killed as bomber targets mosque during night prayer

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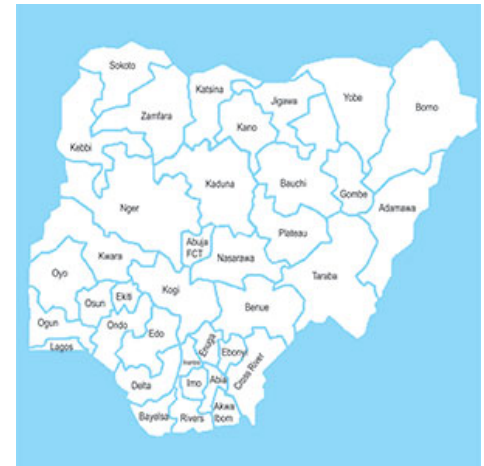
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Two persons were confirmed killed yesterday while four others were injured in a suicide bomb attack on a shop near an extended congregation of Muslims performing midnight prayers in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

One of the dead victims was a civilian JTF personnel stationed to beef up security around the mosque.

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The bomber was said to have accidentally detonated his bomb before reaching the mosque.

Confirming the incident, the police spokesman in the state, DSP Edet Okon, said in a statement yesterday at about 01:25am, a male suicide bomber detonated an IED strapped to his body in a shop along Baga Road by Maikore Junction in Maiduguri Metropolis.

“The resulting explosion killed the bomber and one other person while four other persons were injured,” he said, explaining that the Borno State Police Command immediately deployed men of the EOD to sanitize the scene and render the area safe.

He also said the wounded were evacuated to the hospital where they are responding to treatment.

The Commissioner of Police Borno State, Damian Chukwu, urged members of the public to be vigilant and to promptly report suspicious persons to the security agencies for necessary actions.



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