

Similarly, the Borno State Government has imposed a 24-hour curfew in response to a suicide attack that killed 16 people in Kauri, a village in Konduga Local Government Area.

The state's Commissioner for Information and Internal Security, Prof. Usman Tar, announced the curfew during a press conference at the Government House.

Prof Usman Tar said, "Some people came out to protest, and on the eve of this protest, Boko Haram attacked a village called Malari near Konduga LGA, where 16 people lost their lives and over 20 people are still receiving treatment at Specialists Hospital Maiduguri."

He emphasised the government's concern about the risk of violence infiltration by non-state actors, which has already manifested.

"To avert future occurrences, the Borno State government has taken firm decisions to impose a curfew," he added.

Daily Trust had reported on a bomb explosion at a local tea joint in the state on the eve of the nationwide protest. While sources indicated that 19 persons were killed, the police confirmed 16 casualties.