

4 killed in Maiduguri

Four protesters were killed at Kime Filling Station, Bolori Junction in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital yesterday.

Officials at the petrol station, who identified the deceased as their workers, gave separate accounts of how they died.

“As I’m speaking to you now, they are still lying in the pool of their blood,” said one of the attendants who gave his name as Malam Musa.

Musa, who confirmed that he was with the victims, said they died from an explosion.

“I nearly got affected, but as God would have it, I escaped unhurt”, he said.



However, another source, who pleaded anonymity, said the deceased were hit by stray bullets.

“I was opposite the filling station when the incident happened. There was nothing like a blast. We just heard sporadic gunshots and the boys were down. Four of them died instantly,” he said.

A curfew was later imposed by the Borno State Police Command, after consulting with the Chief Security Officer of the state, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum.

They cited a bomb blast that took place in Kawuri village, Konduga Local Government Area of the state, which claimed 19 lives as part of the reasons for the action.