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Killings in Borno as police foil abduction, blast in Enugu, Kaduna

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BOMB planting and detonation, [killing of innocent residents by bandits](#), and crackdown on [kidnappers by the police and military](#) were the common occurrences on Sunday and yesterday in [Borno](#), [Kaduna](#), and Enugu states.

In [Borno](#), suspected Boko Haram (haters of Western civilisation) gunmen [killed four people on Sunday in Bulunkutu ward of Maiduguri in a liquor outlet at 8.25 p.m.](#)

Panic swept through Narayi area of Kaduna metropolis yesterday as a device later confirmed to be a bomb was discovered by the residents. The Police Anti-Bomb Disposal Squad quickly moved in to the scene and recovered and detonated the bomb allegedly planted by bandits.

The bomb was recovered at one of the gates leading to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) staff quarters in Narayi.

It was however a sad day for a three-man kidnap gang yesterday evening as its members were arrested by the police in Nsukka, Enugu State, while attempting to abduct some school children.

The Guardian learned that the gang, which operated in an unmarked car had laid ambush around the school gate, waiting for the students to close for the day before they swooped on their target.

The Boko Haram suspects, according to the police, rode on a motorcycle with a Kalashnikov rifle hid under their flowing gowns and opened fire on the victims in the beer parlour.

The state Police Commissioner, Mohammed Abubakar, who confirmed the incident, said the armed sect had resorted to attacking people in hotels and beer parlours.

He said because of the tight security and intensive patrol of Maiduguri streets and highways, the bandits had gone to remote locations to perpetrate their heinous acts.

Abubakar said: "These terrorists are waging guerrilla warfare against the police and the people we are protecting and property," adding that the police would continue to increase security measures in the state.

Yesterday's bomb discovery came barely five days after a similar device was recovered and detonated by the police in Goni Gora area of Kaduna.

The two communities are within the southern part of the state.

Witnesses at the NNPC quarters said the bomb was discovered by one of the security guards attached to one of the gates of the quarters before the police anti-bomb squad was alerted at 4.00 a.m.

The alarm raised by the security guard attracted people living in the area, as they were alleged to have made frantic efforts to contact relevant authorities to pick up the strange object.

But, a source explained that when it was 8.00 a.m. and the strange object was still lying on the ground, residents took to other routes to their offices and markets.

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The state police spokesperson, Aminu Lawan, confirmed the incident. He said: "Yes, it is an explosive object discovered by the people and we recovered and detonated it immediately."

Luck was said to have ran against suspected kidnappers in Nsukka when a police patrol vehicle swooped on them. But in a gun duel that ensued, the police shot one of them and arrested two others.

Confirming the incident, after the men were brought to the state police headquarters in Enugu, the command Public Relations Officer, Ebere Amarizu, said the gang did not succeed in carrying out their nefarious act, stressing that they were arrested while trying to kidnap the children.

Amarizu said the suspects would be charged to court after investigations and called on the residents to furnish the command with information about criminals in their areas.

And disturbed about the havoc wrecked on some northern states by the Boko Haram sect, a cleric, Isa el-Bu has urged the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the affected states.

Of particular concern to el-Buba is the resurgence of Boko Haram in Borno and Bauchi states with relics in some northern cities, which activities have led to the loss of life and property, and places of worship burnt.

El-Buba, who is the founder of Evangelical Bible Outreach Ministries International (EBOMI), Prayer City in Jigawa State, said the Boko Haram sect was behind the terrorism in several northern towns and appealed to the Presidency to check their excesses.

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