

# Suicide bomber attacks Kano mosque, kills self

## Death toll in Plateau blast hits 44

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**A** least one person was reportedly killed in Kano yesterday when a female suicide bomber detonated an explosive device near the popular Ali Bin Abutolib Central Mosque, along Zaria Road in Kano. Eyewitness said the explosive went off at about 9.45pm near the popular mosque but hinted that worshippers had already left the place before the incident occurred.

Although the extent of the damage could not be immediately ascertained, Police Public Relations Officer in Kano, ASP Musa Majiya, who confirmed the development, told journalists that a female suicide bomber on motorbike blew herself up near the central mosque.

## Protesters in Delta shut 250, 000 barrel oil facility

### Gunmen kill Agip manager

**A** GGRIEVED youths and women from oil communities of Kokodiagbene, Okerenkoko, Akpatagbegbe, Akpataegbemmu and Omadi-no, all in Warri South West Local Council of Delta State yesterday forcefully shut down the Jones Creek Field operated by the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company (NPDC).

Also yesterday, unidentified gunmen killed a 42-year-old manager at Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), Mr. Zubairu Olalekan, at his residence in Mgbuoshimiri, in Obio/Akpor Local Council of Rivers State.

Majiya revealed development occurred a minute before 10. Police had since off the

According to was no casualty, the suicide bomber area has already doned off by security. And we are calling to remain calm about their nonness, " Majiya. Meanwhile, dead Jos, Plateau State explosion has r. The casualty figure day night when occurred was 17, tional Emergenment Agency yesterday put death toll at 44 than 47 others a in different hospitals the

Giving 3.00am yesterday coordinator for N Alhaji Abduls hamed, said the toll might continue because the in tained by some tims were too hope of He said the si worsened by t some people some of their tives to be treated home. Hajiya resident, said t six of her relatives the explosion at mosque.

"We were very mosque and we ly mobilised there and were tify the corpses brought them had already die (six dead bodies of the 44 dead NEMA announced morning," Majiya