

Yobe blast death toll hits 20, 14 on treatment

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CHIEF Medical Director (CMD) of Sani Abacha Specialist Hospital, Damaturu, Dr. Garba Musa Fika said yesterday that the death toll of Sunday market blast has increased from 15 to 20, following the death of five admitted patients from "excessive bleeding and compound fractures" in the early hours of Mon-

day.

Speaking yesterday in Damaturu, the Yobe State capital on the state of 47 injured persons in the hospital, Dr. Fika said that some of the victims were discharged on Monday, after being treated for lower degree burns and other limb injuries.

"After the injured ones were

brought into our Accident and Emergency Unit (A&EU), we attended to them, and realized that over dozen were discharged here, while others were referred to the Federal Medical Centre, Azare, but five gave up the ghost in the early hours of today (Monday). The admitted blast victims in the female and male wards stood at 14," said Dr. Fika.

He however attributed the increase in death toll to excessive bleedings from blast scenes to the hospitals for treatment.

"The lives of bomb blasts victims rushed to hospitals, could survive and live a successful life by promptly donating blood for the needy in distress to survive from excessive bleeding," said the CMD yesterday.