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# Suspected Boko Haram bomber kills self, three IDPs in Borno

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Cruel disregard for human life continued in Borno State on Monday as a suspected female Boko Haram bomber attacked an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Pulka, killing three people.

Pulka is a border village with Cameroon, and 116 kilometres southeast of Maiduguri the state capital. An aid worker, Bukar Amin, said the bomber burst into camp number four through the western flank of the Sambisa forest and detonated her explosives that killed the terrorist and three displaced persons.

The secretary of Borno State Hunters' Association (BOHA), Bunu Bukar confirmed the incident in a telephone interview. "There was a suicide attack on a camp in Pulka, three people died and seven others were injured. Our fear is that the insurgents want to use the festive period to create problems in order to seek relevance. People should be careful and support security personnel with information at all times."

A military officer, Sgt. John Buba, stationed at Pulka said: "We have clusters of camps spread across, but all within Pulka village and this is due largely to the growing population of IDPs especially, those recently brought in from Cameroon."

"This seems to have become a challenge both in terms of security surveillance and service delivery especially, as the border community has no telecom masts to ensure ease of monitoring and control."

The Monday's attack came barely 24 hours after six soldiers lost their lives and others got wounded by the insurgents who ambushed military convoy at Sandiya village in Konduga Local Government Area.



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The charge came as the PCNI Vice Chairman, Alhaji Tijjani Musa Timsah, cried out over paucity of funds to actualise the mandate of the interventionist body.

Chairman, Senate Committee on Special Duties, Abdul-Aziz Murtala Nyako, told reporters in the Senate yesterday that although members of his committee were at home with the activities of the PCNI, the interventionist body should be encouraged to continue to be on its toes.

Nyako who spoke after an oversight duty at the PCNI office in Abuja noted that the enormous assignment of pulling the insurgency-devastated North East zone out of crippling humanitarian crisis made it imperative for the body to continue to be up and doing.

He said the N45 billion earmarked for PCNI in the 2017 fiscal year was a far cry from what the body needed to carry out its mandate effectively.He noted that the N45 billion for six states “amounted to about N7 billion per state which cannot bring about any meaningful turn around to a local government in Adamawa State.”

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