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Wya heads Kaduna power committee

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KADUNA State government has appointed former minister of Power, Nuhu Somo Way, to head the state power committee set to evaluate and improve the power situation in the state.

A statement by the governor's aide on Media and Publicity, Reuben Buhari, said, "In view of the continued quest for sustainable power in Kaduna State, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Sir Patrick Ibrahim

Bomb explosion kills two, injures two in Maiduguri

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AT LEAST two persons, one soldier and a civilian have been killed while another two were injured, seriously, as a bomb, believed to be thrown by members of Boko Haram hit a Joint Task Force operatives' patrol vehicle in Maiduguri.

The bomb, according to eyewitnesses, exploded in Dala, a notorious Maiduguri suburb that has so far record-

ed the highest number of such insurgency, when a delivery vehicle of the JTF was handing over breakfast package to the operatives.

Daily Independent gathered from credible sources, mostly victims, that as soon as the bomb went off, soldiers, in apparent confusion and angered by the way three of their colleagues were blistered, went wild shooting sporadically and using gallons of fuel seized from road side hawkers to set many

stalls and kiosks ablaze.

The spokesman of JTF, Lt. Col. Hassan Muhammed, confirmed the incident but denied any casualty. According to him; "yes we had an unfortunate incident today at Dala. You know the inward roads there are not tarred and these guys buried an improvised explosive there and when our patrol vehicle got there, it exploded. And because of the fact that road side fuel are being sold there, the effect of the explosion led to the burn-

ing of some kiosks and other makeshift stalls there".

But eyewitnesses, mostly those whose shops were allegedly set ablaze by the JTF operatives, contradicted the JTF spokesman's testimony.

"The bomb went off at the time the soldiers were collecting their food. The soldiers went wild shooting and using petrol taken from the black marketers' stall and pouring them on kiosks and stalls, then set everywhere on fire.