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20 killed in fresh Boko Haram attack in Abuja

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ANOTHER explosion occurred on Thursday night in Abuja, near the scene of a deadly bomb attack that took place mid last month.

The blast happened in Nyanya on the outskirts of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), close to the motor park where 75 people died in the early morning attack on 14 April.

The incident took place at around 8.03 p.m. Thursday.

The insurgent Boko Haram group later claimed

responsibility for the April 14 attack.

About 20 people were feared killed in the latest incident and many more were reported to have been injured.

The Thursday night explosion was said to have been caused by a car bomb.

Security agencies had a hard time controlling the crowd that surged following the explosion and had to resort use of teargas to gain access to carry out rescue operations.

The darkness that enveloped the area compounded

the rescue efforts.

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According to a victim, Chukwuma Ilo, a trader who sustained injuries on his laps, said he saw over 20 people that died at the spot.

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Most of Boko Haram's at-

tacks have been in the North East part of the country.

Leader of the terrorist group, Abubakar Shekau, had dismissed the April 14 bomb attack as a "tiny incident" that would soon be followed by more attacks.

The group released its new video to journalists hours after AFP news agency published highlights of the clip.

Shekau, who appeared in the video, as usual, clad in a military attire, with a long dark cap strapped with a dark turban, with an AK-47 rifle across his chest, spoke

boastfully about the prowess of his group and how vulnerable the Nigerian nation was to him and his men.

He described the Nyanya blast as "tiny incident", which, according to him, does not merit the global condemnation that it has generated.

He said the attack was just the beginning of more attacks on the nation, adding that it was a general reprisal for all the killing of Muslims across the country and the world suffer "in the hands of infidels".

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