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the committee for the purpose of maintaining stabil-

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# Two female suicide bombers kill scores in Borno market

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**MAIDUGURI**, the Borno State capital, was on Tuesday thrown into mourning as scores of people were killed by bomb explosions at the commercial area near Monday market.

An eye-witness said two female suicide bombers posing as traders detonated the bombs.

The first explosion, he said, went off at about 11:45 p.m. at Baba-line area, very close to Ansarudeen

Mosque, popularly called "Yoruba Mosque" and was detonated by a female suicide bomber while the second explosion which happened in less than five minutes at Baba-Zarami shops was masterminded by another suicide bomber.

The exact casualty figure at the time of going to press was not immediately ascertained but many observers at the scene of the incident believed that no fewer than 70 people had lost their lives.

It was also observed that many volunteer vehicles including that of Red Cross were seen very busy evacu-

ating corpses and depositing them at the state Specialist Hospital and Umaru Ya'Adua Hospital in Maiduguri.

Also, apart from those that have died instantly in the explosions, many people received life-threatening injuries and were taken to various hospitals for quick attention.

As a result of the carnage, business activities in Maiduguri town were paralysed especially at the Monday market which is the biggest in the state.

Already, combined security personnel made up of soldiers, the police and

even the vigilante group popularly known as "Civilian JTF" have cordoned off the entire area where the incident happened and even the road leading the Monday market.

In another development, the Niger State Governor, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, has appealed to the Egyptian government to 'do more' in supporting the Federal Government to contain the Boko-Haram menace in Nigeria, particularly in the north-eastern part of the country.

Nevertheless, Aliyu told Nigerians to be hopeful for better days ahead when Ni-

geria would bounce back stronger and the issue of insurgency and similar challenges "is a temporal setback that will soon fizzle out."

Aliyu made the observation on Tuesday when he received in audience the Egyptian Ambassador in Nigeria, Asraf Salama, who paid him a courtesy visit at Government House, Minna.

"I see what is happening in some parts of Nigeria today, particularly in the north-eastern part of the country as temporary.

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## Rivers PDP disqualifies Princewill, Dagogo-Jack, 10 others