

## 30 Killed, 42 Injured In Fresh Borno Suicide Attacks

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(SEMA) Director, Search, Rescue and Operations, who disclosed this to newsmen when he visited the scene of the attack on Monday said the incident occurred about 8pm on Sunday.

Kachala said that the three suicide bombers, comprising two females and a male, detonated the IEDs in a local tea joint and film centre in the community.

He said that about 17 persons died instantly, adding that the death toll increased to 30 on Monday as a result of lack of immediate medical attention.

He said that his staff could not reach the spot of the incident as the military had closed the road to traffic and the hospital in Konduga did not have enough facilities to handle the situation.

"When I and my team arrived Konduga early this morning, the military prevented us from gaining access to the community to assist the victims.

"They told us they were given order from above not to open the road until 9am," he lamented.

A reporter who later visited the scene of the attacks along with SEMA team reports that dozens of the wounded victims were seen being conveyed in pick-up vans by relations to hospitals in Maiduguri, the state capital, a distance of about 80km from their town.

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu Buhari on Monday

commiserated with families of victims of bomb blasts at a viewing centre in Mandarari, Konduga Local Government Area of Borno on Sunday.

In a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina, in Abuja, the president condoled with the government and people of the state over attacks by suicide bombers.

President Buhari decried the heinous acts, stressing that perpetrators of evil acts have judgment awaiting them, not only from man, via the long arms of the law, but also from God Almighty.

He urged security agents to sustain surveillance in all theatres of security challenges in the country, taking into consideration the unconventional methods deployed by terrorists to harm innocent and unsuspecting victims.

The president commended the efforts of emergency response workers and humanitarian organisations.

He prayed that God would grant the souls of the departed eternal rest and comfort their families.

### Gunmen Invade Taraba Communities, Kill Eight

At least eight persons were feared killed and others injured following an attack by suspected herders on Taraba communities Sunday night, witnesses and police have said.

Residents of the area said the attackers, who besieged the communities on motorbikes, first stormed Tudiri

village, a settlement of Fulani and Mummuye tribes where they launched the attack before moving to other neighbouring communities.

One of the fleeing residents, Joseph David, said the attack occurred on Sunday evening from about 6pm till midnight.

"For now, eight persons were killed while several others sustained injuries and were taken to hospitals.

"These herders took us un-

awares, and that's why they killed our people and properties were destroyed," he said.

Also corroborating, Misa Bello, a farmer said "nomads were allegedly killed by some Kona (tribe), so the Sunday night's attack could be a reprisal.

"As I am talking now, we all fled for fear of uncertainty. Lives were lost while many houses were burnt by the assailants," he added.

The police public relations

officer, Taraba State police command, David Misal, confirmed the incident.

He said the gunmen came into the village on motorcycles and carried out attacks.

"On hearing (about) the attack at Tudiri village, some Kona youths mobilised and barricaded ATC, Nukai Federal Highway in Jalingo, the state capital where they carried out attacks indiscriminately on innocent persons.

"The Kona youth also

burnt down three vehicles, two motorcycles and three tricycles, as well as some houses."

Misal, who described the action as unlawful, called on the youth to desist from taking laws into their hands.

He said the police is committed to protecting lives and property of Nigerians.

He also said the police could not verify the number of casualties until it concludes its investigations.



An accident scene at Sumal roundabout, Ibadan, Oyo State on Monday.

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