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## 27 Killed In Fresh Taraba Attack

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No fewer than 27 people were reportedly killed and many others injured in an attack by suspected armed men on Ungwan Kwalla village in Ibi local government area of Taraba.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the gunmen suspected to have come from neighbouring Plateau State invaded the village and shot sporadically at locals, razing several houses before fleeing the area.

Taraba police spokesman, ASP Joseph Kwaji, who confirmed the attack, however said nine people including a military personnel were killed in the incident.

He said armed militia men of Yargam extraction from neighbouring Plateau were suspected to have launched the attack on the village.

Kwaji said no arrest was made and that a detachment of security operatives had since been deployed to the troubled village to restore normalcy.

### Youths Sets Suicide Bomber Ablaze In Bauchi

Irate youths burnt a female suicide bomber who declined screening at the entrance of Muda-Lawal Market in Bauchi, witnesses told Hausa service of the BBC.

The lady whose identity was not known at the press time allegedly refused to allow herself to be screened at the entrance of the market was attacked by irate mob but other witnesses debunked the allegation that the victim was with explosives.

Confirming the incident to the agency, the state police spokesman, Haruna Mohammed said in a statement that the mob "set her ablaze," adding that she died before police could rescue her.

An eyewitness, Isa Safiyanu, told AFP that the woman who was accompanied by a man raised suspicion when two bottles were found strapped to both sides of her waist after she refused to be frisked with a metal detector at the entrance of the Market.

"When her hijab was raised over her head two bottles were found strapped to her waist and the crowd descended on the young woman," he said.

"They beat her to death and placed a used tyre on her body, sprinkled it with petrol and set it on fire," he said.

According to a police source in the city who asked to remain anonymous, it was unlikely the woman was carrying explosives which would have exploded when her assailants attacked her. "The only plausible explanation is she could have been sent on a test mission to see if it was possible to enter the bus station without being screened," the source said.

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