

# Boko Haram: Bombs rock military base in Kaduna

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•A soldier on guard on the road after the explosions in Kaduna ... yesterday

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A MAN dressed in military uniform, driving a Toyota Sienna bus. He was stopped by soldiers on guard duty, but the driver coasted through the first gate of the fortified military base.

That was unusual. The soldiers opened fire. Then, an explosion. A bomb had gone off, killing the lone driver who turned out to be a suicide bomber.

It all happened yesterday at the Army's 1 Division's Dalet Barracks in Kaduna.

The city was shaken by three explosions within and around military formations.

The explosions started at about 11.45 am – at the Dalet Barracks.

Another explosion occurred 15 minutes later close to the main gate of the Nigeria Air Force Base about 1000 metres away from the scene of the first blast.

At about 12.15, as residents were battling to overcome the shock of the multiple blasts, another occurred under the flyover in Kawo, about 100 metres away from the scene of the first blast and close to the Tuesday Kawo market, which was in session.

The market and its surroundings were thrown into confusion as residents and traders ran helter skelter. Parents hurried to school to fetch their kids.

The Kaduna Polytechnic cancelled a scheduled examination and sent students home.

The government was rumoured to have imposed a curfew on the metropolis.

It was gathered that the driver of the car died in the explosion, which was said to have had serious impact on the administrative building of the 1 Mechanised Division. All was tense. Glass panes and doors were shattered.

Soldiers cordoned off the scenes of the explosions, preventing journalists and other residents from getting closer. The soldiers seized cameras belonging to the African Independent Television (AIT) and the Kaduna State Government-owned Capital TV from their reporters who attempted to take shots of the scenes.

The major road leading to Zaria and Lagos Road was blocked, creating a heavy traffic jam. Roads leading to the Sir Kashim Ibrahim Government House office of the governor were also cordoned off.

The injured were seen being conveyed to the hospital by emergency workers from the State Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross. A Toyota Hiace bus belonging to the Nigerian Army Officers' Wives Association conveyed casualties from the 1 Division to the 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital, escorted by soldiers.

Unconfirmed reports said the bomber and two other persons were killed in the explosion, which left an undisclosed number of soldiers and civilians injured.

The Assistant Director Army Public Relation at the 1Mechanised Division, Lt.-Col. Abubakar Edun, said on telephone: "We are on top of the situation".

The Public Relations Officer of the Air Force Training Command in Kaduna, Squadron Leader M. Ali, denied that an explosion occurred at the NAF Base. He said: "The bomb exploded outside the premises of the Air Force Base and as such, the Air Force does not have an opinion on the explosion. Although the explosion was close to the NAF Base gate, it wasn't within our premises."

When asked whether the Air Force was investigating the incident, Squadron Leader Ali said: "No; since it is not within our premises, investigation is left for the police to carry out. We wouldn't know where they were carrying the bomb to before it exploded."

Anti-bomb experts were dispatched to the area to investigate whether there are more explosives.

The Kaduna State Security Council was at its weekly meeting when the explosion occurred.

The Senior Special Assistant to the governor on Media and Publicity,

Reuben Buhari, urged residents to disregard reports of any curfew, saying the government has not imposed any curfew.

In Kano, security operatives pursuing Boko Haram members have stormed a home, shooting their way in to seize some suspects.

In the raid on the house at Mariri Quarters on Maiduguri Road, seven members of the sect were killed.

Residents of the area, who spoke to The Nation on condition of anonymity, said at about 7:30pm on Monday night, a detachment of military and the Police came in 10 trucks and cordoned off a house believed to be hosting Boko Haram members.

Gunshots were heard as the security operatives engaged the sect's members in a battle that lasted for about seven hours.

A security source said a large cache of arms and ammunition, including AK 47 rifles and assorted explosives, was recovered.

Six suspects were arrested. Commissioner of Police Ibrahim Idris confirmed the recovery of the arms and ammunition. He said on the same day, a group of terrorists believed to be members of Boko Haram attacked Sharada Police Station, bombing it and wounding a policeman. Three of the sect's members were killed.

According to the police boss, some members of the sect, which has been denounced by leading lights of Islam, were arrested during the Mariri raid. He did not give details.

Residents said they had for some time noticed strange faces, mostly youths with Kanuri tribal marks, "but we did not know their mission, until that fateful night when nobody could sleep because of several

gun shots”. “I must tell you that no fewer than five people must have died in that horrible battle,” one said.

Also yesterday, the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) played a tape which was said to have come from the sect, which later disowned it.

In the tape four persons – Sheikh Abubakar Gero, Dr Shettima Ali Monguno, Alhaji Ali Bukar Ibrahim former governor of Yobe State and another person whose name was not clearly heard – were named as negotiators.

The video featured two figures who wore black masks. Only the voice of one was heard, saying they accepted to dialogue with the government.

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I DE LAUGH. Am still awaiting these Boko Haram negotiators to come clean and denounce any link with the sect because you cannot

negotiate for  
people/group/sect/association which you do not belong  
to or benefit from.

BOKO HARAM paymasters are unmasking themselves  
gradually. If a person of  
the calibre of Dr Shettima Ali Monguno{CFR} and  
CO are associated or known who the sect members are  
and kept quiet since the  
insurgence, then he should be prosecuted for aiding and  
abetting crime against  
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Aminu

Was it the reason why Late  
Yar'adua/Goodluck,negotiated with Niger delta  
militants?because they belong or benefit from them.

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**afowowe**

i am convinced all the negotiators are members. All i will advice is that these people should not be killed but rather to be arrested, interogated and if they refuse, use electric chair to get facts from their mouth. I believe, these would confess at the end.

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**Jeglawl**

That's of wroug you,negotiating on behalf BH does not in any way make this Elders members of BH.if that is the case, then all those that contributed to the process that led D Niger Delta Militants out of D creek are Militants. Shekena!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**Preciousobi**

mind u niger delta militant stated wat they were fighting for even b4 dey startd. Pls wat is BH fighting for?

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**Richard Pena**

YES OOO!!!

Dr Shettima Ali Monguno{CFR} your Elder have been on HOLIDAY since the inception of Boko Haram Killing.

Now that BOKO HARAM spokesman is caught he suddenly come back from HOLIDAY to negotiate. NASIRU WHO IS DO NOT BE GULLIBLE?

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Nasiru

What informed you that the elderstateman,Manguno has ANYTHING to do with Boko Haram?Use with thinking faculty not just sentiment and parochial viewing of issues.And on a final note DO NOT BE GULLIBLE.

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Richard Pena

I DE LAUGH. If you can't write without passing insult, it better you stay away from contributing to construction forum.

We all know the reason/purpose for the agitation

of Niger Delta

Militants hence the ground for negotiation@

NASIRU what is Boko Haram killing

innocent people for?

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Bob

Since the mullar been ruling that country for yrs no problem

Nw a xtian cam into ofic bh started bombing. Dat's wy d pst civ war

Mulas Has ntin to ofer rada stil moni break dat country and let dis

Murders go away I don't like dem as nebos

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Mwakuk

The paymasters are tired of funding the rascals without achieving their aim and that is why there is confusion in their camp.

All those fingered should be prosecuted no matter

their status in the land, after all no one is above the law and their lives are not of any value more than those they have wasted in their futile exercise of madness. If Mr. President will cry out that his Government has been infiltrated by the Boko Haramists, that should tell you the calibre of persons involved in that body that is waging war against the nation.

I can see their end in sight soon if all Nigerians of goodwill denounce their acts and culprits made to face justice for their crimes against humanity.

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Richard Pena

I DE LAUGH. The aim was to take power through back door but the blood of innocent Nigerian foil their plan

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Segeibilo

What if they want those people arrested because they know they are not supporting them. You cannot rely on any information from the sect as facts; there

must be proper investigation.

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blamaco11

True.....you are right, a masked man from an unknown location...they could be trying to implicate the aforementioned people. Caution is needed all round.

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Ask and you shall receive!

Enough is enough! Anybody with a thinking faculty will understand by now that this act of terror in Nigeria soil is a cut and paste textbook replay of the "secret empire" plan to dominate the world. QED.

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Pankwat Joel

That is the naked truth that many do not want to say Brother. But that is a lost battle because He who created the world and all that is there in is greater than all their strategists.

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IskaCountryman

the kanuris are after us...no more peeper soup and beer  
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Oweja

You are seeing the road! The moribund Bornu Empire is now awake! It is time for Kanuris to seized the initiatives from the Fulanis and begin a conquest aimed at ruling the world!

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Bala

Boko Haram is engaged in a battle they can never win. Only a really stupid person can take on any government anywhere in the world. Unfortunately our government is giving them the undeserved pleasure of recording some victories

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agbobu

Mr Jonathan after the abdication of King James the second of England, on Christmas day 1688 and he fled to France , the British Parliament enacted the Act of

Settlement, which included amongst other things, the ban and prohibition of a standing army in time of peace. Mr President learn from History and especially from a very settled Nation like the United Kingdom. Mr President Boko haram is a standing army by those who are very bent on destroying Nigeria, if they are not allowed to rule Nigeria. Mr Jonathan if you negotiate with boko haram, you will be sending the message, that keeping a standing army and terrorising, killing and maiming innocent persons are acceptable norms. If you negotiate with boko haram, it means that what people are saying all along, that you are prepared to do anything, even to dine with the devil, to remain the President of Nigeria. If you negotiate with these monsters and their leaders, you will be telling all Nigerians to turn to terrorism in order to be very relevant and have their ways from your government. Mr Jonathan you have jaw jaw for a very long time over this horrible cancer worm of iniquity boko haram. May be you are afraid of their leaders and I will tell you that is very weak leadership. Mr Jonathan you must confront boko haram head long no hole barred. Mr Jonathan you must repeat must exterminate, obliterate and wipe out boko haram and their likes from the surface of this Earth and Nigeria for good. There must be no half measures, no leniency, no pussy footing, no wait and see, no hoping for best and waiting for a miracle,tc

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BenAde

Who is going to initiate a conference where all the constituent nationalities in Nigeria will sit down to review the terms of our relationship? Can it be done voluntarily or do we need to be coerced?

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jerry

Why are our leaders afraid of sovereign national conference when they know that it is the only way out of the present malady?

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jerry

This bombing and killing of innocent citizens must be arrested immediately. various sections of Nigeria must sit together now to re negotiate this union before it is too late. Sovereign national conference is the way out.

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These negotiators must let Nigerians know how they came into contact with the invisible organisation they are representing. Enough is enough

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TIMI

boko haram is gradually coming to an end, why seeking for dialogue if I may ask? very soon they will have no place to hide. if I were the govt, dialogue will be like one praying for death to coming but refusing to come. if not for the innocent people losing their lives. they can only operate in the north. if they try it in south-south. Nigeria will fall in to two just like Sudan.

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Simphillips66

The day of reckoning for Boko is here, this i promise them. Soldiers thumbs up to you.

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 Matthew Ajayi

Government shud not dialogue with dem, instead all hands must be on deck 2 curb the menace of Terrorism in Nigeria.

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Patsy

I said it, that the God of Jehoshaphat is awake and will fight the cause of his people. He will not sleep nor slumber. The cries and souls of the wasted kids at St. Theresa's Catholic Church will not be in vein. Imagine people that were given national honours, past governors etc. Jonathan watch and pray, the God of Odozi Obodo will fight your cause and give you victory.

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Chris

More information will soon be revealed, those who started this war dance will carry the calabash of shame. This country is too big for few disgruntled elements to put on hold.

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OOdua

In my opinion for a fractitious organisation like Boko Haram, there is no need to negotiate with anyone. The more you negotiate the more the FGN is drawn into a cul de sac. Once you start negotiating with a group you see others denouncing them. The only revelation that comes out of this tape is the list of people to watch closely. It further confirms our long standing suspicion that some people are riding at the back of the tiger that terrorises the whole nation.

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