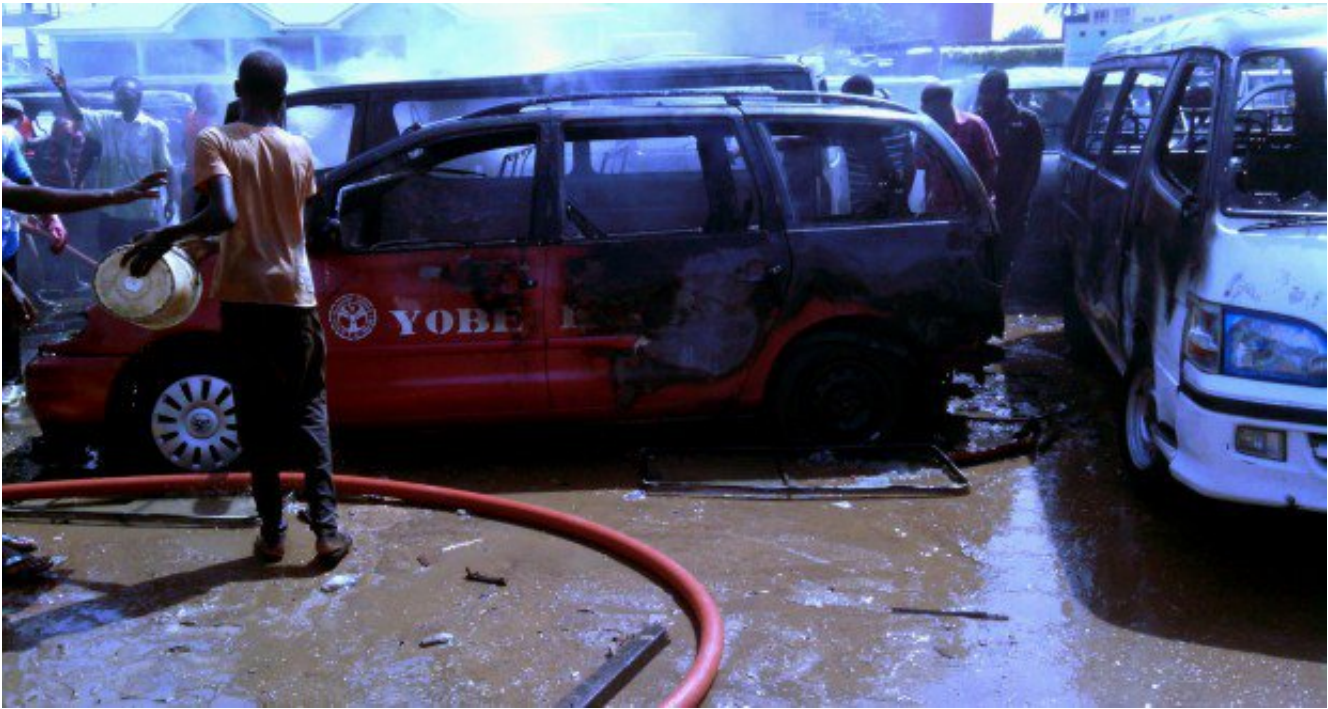


Explosions kill 32 in Jos



A twin-explosion in Jos, the Plateau State capital yesterday killed no fewer than 32 people.

The death toll was recorded in the second explosion. Casualties from the first blast could not be ascertained as at last night.

The bombs exploded at about 6.54 pm near a bus station.

The explosions were heard two minutes of each other and about the same location the last bomb blast took place on May 20. More than 100 people died in that blast.

The scene of explosions is usually of heavy human traffic. One blast occurred near an eatery, the second near the branch of a major bank, by the main market

Security agencies who also heard the heavy sound of the explosions rushed towards the scene. They were yet to reveal the casualty list from the explosions believed to have been carried out by suicide bombers.

Female suicide bombers struck in Kano on Tuesday, killing six people at the Textile market.

Mohammed Abdulsalam, coordinator for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in the city, said the scene of the attack was a densely populated area.

"The bodies recovered so far are 31 but rescue workers are at the scene and the figures may change," added Pam Ayuba, Plateau State Governor Jonah Jang's spokesman.

In Kano, a senior security source and a nurse said a 13-year-old was arrested on Wednesday after she and a male accomplice walked into a clinic seeking medical treatment.

The location of the clinic — some 20 kilometres (12.5 miles) from the scene of a double suicide attack by two women on a textile market just hours earlier – raised suspicions.

“We alerted the police who immediately mobilised and arrested the duo,” said one nurse, who asked to remain anonymous for security reasons.

“On searching her, the police discovered explosives hidden under her hijab, confirming our suspicion. They took her and the man accompanying her away.”

The senior security source said the young girl was from Bauchi and had been part of the “suicide team” that attacked the busy Kantin Kwari textile bazaar.

Four people were killed in that attack and seven others injured.