

Three suicide bombers die in Gombe

Less than 12 hours after two bombers were killed by their bomb during an attempt at the Army Barracks in Gombe on Wednesday night, another suicide bomber died yesterday morning at ECWA Church III, behind Gombe State University.

The Boys Brigade members, who arrived earlier to ensure the safety of the worshippers, were nearly killed in the explosion.

One of the Boys Brigade members on guard at the church said the suicide bomber arrived on a motorcycle and discovered that the road had been barricaded.

He said the bomber was asked to alight for normal check before he would be allowed entry. But he allegedly refused.

The Boko Haram suspect was said to have tried to meander through the barricade when the explosive blew up and killed him instantly.

Five of the Brigade boys sustained minor injuries with the exception of another, who was probably the closest to the bomber. His arms were almost chopped off.

At the Army barracks, an eyewitness said soldiers on guard at the entrance were searching a vehicle when a motorcyclist arrived with a passenger carrying a bag.

The entire area was immediately cordoned off.

Those trapped in the nearby Mami Market were rescued about two hours later, after a thorough search.

It was learnt that the two men on the motorcycle died immediately; though another version said it was the biker and a soldier that died.

Police spokesman, Fwaje Atajiri, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said he could not comment on the Barracks incident.

Atajiri said the incident at the ECWA Church III involved a man, who attempted to jump a security barricade, when the bomb exploded on him.

The police spokesman said only the man died, adding that few people at the scene sustained minor injuries.