

Boko Haram bombers kill 27 in Borno

A FEMALE suicide bomber blew herself up and killed 27 others at a market near a refugee camp in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Two more suicide bombers detonated their devices at the gates to a refugee camp, an emergency services official said.

In all, 83 people were injured in the three explosions.

Troops last year wrested back the local government controlled by the sect. But they have struck back with renewed zeal since June, killing about 143 people before yesterday's bombings.

Last month, an oil prospecting team was captured by al-Barnawi's group. At least 37 people, including members of the team, died when rescuers from the military and vigilantes tried to free them.

The Boko Haram insurgency has killed 20,000 people and forced some 2.7 million to flee their homes in the last eight years.

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