Police foil attack in Maiduguri

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•'Nobody died in Yobe bombing'

Security forces in Borno State yesterday foiled a suicide attack on the University of Maiduguri, police spokesman Joseph Kwaji said in a statement.

According to Kwaji, security personnel deployed in the area neutralised a lone bomber at the parapet of the university.

He added that the bomber detonated his explosive devices, killed himself.

The statement reads: "On February 19, about 19:20pm, a male suicide bomber strapped with Improvised Explosives Device (IED), in an attempt to infiltrate the University of Maiduguri parapet, was sighted by security operatives who opened fire on him.

"As a result, the IED strapped to his body exploded, killing the bomber alone and no other casualties."

Kwaji said that the police EOD team had sanitised the scene and normalcy restored.

Spokesman of Yobe State Police Command Abdulmaliki Sumonu said yesterday that nobody died in the suspected attack on Government Girls' College in Dapchi.

Insurgents attacked the school, shooting sporadically and forcing workers and pupils to flee to safety.

They stole foodstuffs.

Sumonu told reporters that three men were abducted by the insurgents in a remote community in Geidam Local Government Area after the attack on Dapchi.

But no girl was abducted.