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Over 50 killed in Maiduguri's largest market •Bombs concealed in van carrying charcoal

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IT was another tragedy in Maiduguri, Borno State, on Tuesday, as unspecified number of innocent citizens were caught in an explosion that rocked the El-Kanemi roundabout, situated between the office of the defunct Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) and Maiduguri

Monday Market.

Security sources told the Nigerian Tribune that the improvised explosive devices (IEDs) were concealed under bags of charcoal in a J5 Peugeot bus by a suspected Boko Haram member.

The explosion happened around 8.20 a.m.

Traders and workers caught up in the blast also told the Nigerian Tribune that about 50 people had been killed, even as vehicles in the vicinity also exploded.

The security source said those injured in the attack are receiving treatment at hospitals in the town.

A trader, Mallam Hussaini Sani, said "we usually come here very early, waiting until the market is opened. This morning, we suddenly heard the sound of bomb blast. We ran toward the area and found many people killed. The security are, at present, in the area."

Another trader, Shehu Alkali, told the Nigerian Tribune that most of those killed in the explosion were his friends.

According to him, "the Peugeot J5 came and parked here (pointing at the place). We asked the driver to move the vehicle away, since the place is not a parking space.

"Our friends helped to push the vehicle to kickstart it. Before we could say what, the explosion had happened scattering things everywhere, including pieces of human parts."

He thanked God that the explosion did not happen after the market had been opened, adding that it would have claimed more casualty.

"We have counted more than 50 dead bodies and about 48 wounded," he added.

When the Nigerian Tribune visited the State Specialist Hospital, a top management staff said there was instruction, preventing officials of the hospital from divulging information to the press.

"We are not authorised to speak on the incident, but so many people lost their lives, while a lot more are wounded," one of the top management staff told the Nigerian Tribune.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Gideon Jibril, told the Nigerian Tribune on phone that officers and men of the command were already at the scene of the explosion, adding that he had no full detail yet on the incident.

Another security source told the Nigerian Tribune that security operatives had cordoned off the area to evacuate corpses and ensure the place was free of other bombs.

As of the time of filing this report, the state governor, Kashim Shettima, was being expected to visit the scene of the incident.

Efforts to reach security spokespersons in Maiduguri were unsuccessful, as their mobile phones were switched off.

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