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From left, the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Mohammed Sanusi; the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Garbai Ibn-El-Kanemi and the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar, at the meeting in Kaduna, on Wednesday. PHOTO:HASSAN IBRAHIM.

PANDEMONIUM broke out at the Federal College of Education (FCE), Kano, when two suicide bombers invaded the premises of the school, killing 15 people, including themselves.

This was as no fewer than 34 got injured and admitted into different hospitals in the state capital.

The state Commissioner of

Police, Mr Adenrele Shinaba, while addressing newsmen over the incident, confirmed the death of 15 people, adding that two AK-47 were recovered from the scene.

The incident, which occurred at the new site of the institution, close to the old campus, around 2.00 p.m., caused panic.

According to an eyewitness, who preferred anonymity, one of the suicide bombers entered into a lecture hall and detonated the bomb.

The source also informed that the other suicide bomber also detonated the bomb outside the school premises, with students scampering for safety after the two explosions.

Many students were injured in the ensuing melee, as they all ran in different directions to escape being caught up in the explosion.

The area had since been cordoned off by security operatives, while searches were ongoing at the time of going to press.

Also, security operatives were seen at strategic locations conducting stop and search for motorists, a move a security source said could help to nab the perpetrators.

President Goodluck Jonathan, on Wednesday, commended officers and men of the Nigeria Police, who took prompt action to confront the attackers.

Jonathan, in a statement by his spokesman, Dr Reuben Abati, commiserated with citizens and residents of the state over the loss of lives occasioned by the attack.

He reassured the people that his government would do all within its powers to curb the spread of terrorism in the country.

We won't keep quiet again —Emirs

By Hassan Ibrahim -Kaduna

TRADITIONAL rulers from the North, led by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar, have told President Goodluck Jonathan that they have resolved not to keep quiet again, in the face of Boko Haram attacks on the region.

The traditional rulers said they were worried over the killing of innocent people in the North, due to the insurgency in that part of the country.

They called on President Goodluck Jonathan to, as a matter of urgency, use every means to stop the killing and maiming of people as being perpetrated by the insurgents in the North.

The Sultan, speaking on behalf of the traditional rulers, at an emergency meeting of chairmen of traditional rulers from the 19 northern states, held at the Lugard Hall, Kaduna, said the killings in the North, especially in the North-East, was worrisome.

The meeting was attended by the Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Garbai Ibn El-Kanemi; the Emir of Kano, Mohammad Sanusi; Etsu Nupe, Yahaya Abubakar; Gbong Gwom Jos, Jacob Buba Gyang; the Attah of Igala, Idakwo Ameoboni and the Emir of Zazzau, Dr Shehu Idris.

According to the Sultan, "we cannot keep mute over this, because our people are being massacred on a daily basis. People see us as royal fathers and as such, we've been pushed to come together and express our dismay over the insecurity in the North, which has led to wanton destruction of lives and property.

"As good parents, we have to take the problem to Mr President for quick solution, because we cannot continue to keep quiet while this problem of insecurity consumes us."

"We are here to speak with one voice to President Jonathan to say enough is enough of the killings, and that he should use his office as the leader of the country to stop this atrocity.

"Everybody in the country knows what has been happening in the northern region, especially the North-East, in the past two years, and this situation can no longer be tolerated.

"We have a president that Allah has made to steer the affairs of this country. In view of this, we call on him to look at the cries of our people and ensure that succour is given to them, because the present state of insecurity in the region has adverse effect on its development and unity."

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