

late icon possessed rare intelligence, displayed parliamentary prowess as federal

He drew similarities between Adelabu and Awolowo to include that they

members backing the Senate presidency bid of Saraki.

But the Senate Unity Forum, in a five-point resolu-

other qualities.

The group claimed that Lawan and Senator George Akume were the most rank-

maintained solid behind Saraki, adding that as senators, they could not toy with their signatures.

was also sitting at the same time.

## Suicide bombers kill soldiers, 20 others in Maiduguri, Yola

SOLDIERS at a checkpoint near a military barracks in Maiduguri, Borno State, were, on Thursday, killed by a suspected Boko Haram suicide bomber, who detonated a vehicle laden with explosives as he was being frisked by the personnel, security sources and witnesses said on Thursday.

The attack came more than an hour after another suspected suicide bomber

attack occurred in neighbouring Adamawa State.

The explosion in Adamawa occurred around 7.45 p.m. in front of the Jimeta Main Market, Yola.

No fewer than 15 persons were feared dead and over 30 injured.

Both attacks came barely 24 hours after a bomb planted by unknown persons at a crowded commercial area in Maiduguri exploded and

killed innocent civilians.

The scene of the Maiduguri blast, on Thursday, was about 2km away from the location of Wednesday's attack.

Witnesses said some soldiers were killed.

Premium Times could not establish the kind of vehicle said to have been used by the suicide bomber, as sources gave conflicting accounts.

Some said it was a pickup van loaded with firewood, while others said it was Volkswagen Sharon bus.

A senior officer, who would not want his names mentioned because he was not permitted to speak, confirmed the incident to journalists, but with a different account on the location and affected 'casualties.

"Of course, there was

a blast today, but it was not exactly at the military checkpoint as you said; it was some 60 meters away from it; and it was civilians that were affected," he said.

Bashir Malam, who is also a member of Civilian-JTF, told journalists that some soldiers were killed by the bomb detonated by a suicide bomber who was driving a car coming into the town from Baga.

### Buhari writes NASS clerk, set to proclaim 8th Assembly Tuesday

THE life of the new government is beginning to take full form as President Muhammadu Buhari transmitted a letter of proclamation of the eighth National Assembly to the clerk, Salihu Maikasuwa.

He directed the clerk of the National Assembly to convene the new session on Tuesday, June 9.

National Assembly source said Buhari's proclamation was received on Wednesday June 3.

rocked the last assembly.

Olugbemi, in a statement that marked the end of the fourth assembly of Ekiti State, contended that seven

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as neo-colonialists were out to destroy the state.

According to him, the sev-

administration and the people of the land as their priority."

Therefore, called on the Chief Justice of Nige-

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