

Twin bomb blasts kill 13 in Yobe

Parents appeal to Borno govt to reopen schools

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TWIN bomb blast occurred at exactly 12.30 p.m, at Duruwa, a local alcohol joint, as well as the office of the vigilante group in Potiskum town in Potiskum Local Government Area of Yobe State on Monday, with no fewer than 13 dead and nine injured.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that they had since been taken to the Potiskum General Hospital.

Speaking to a local vigilante on phone, who identified himself as Alhaji Dogara Usman, **Nigerian Tribune** gathered that the remains of the commander of the vigilante group, Alhaji Ado Commander, was one of the corpses taken to the General Hospital Potiskum.

According to Dogara, the suicide bomber had targeted the office, particularly their commander, who had been very active in helping the military in the fight against insurgency in the North-East.

He said: "We have been giving them (Boko Haram) tough time around Potiskum and its environs. We have arrested so many Boko Haram fighters, including some of their commanders, who are currently in the custody of security agencies.

"I believe that triggered this incident, but I tell you, this would not deter us from making sure that the fight against insurgents is won."

A source in Potiskum, who earlier informed **Nigerian Tribune** about the blast said pieces of human flesh littered the local "Burkutu" alcohol joint.

According to him, they evacuated six corpses that could be identified and four injured persons.

"It was horrible, when we heard the blast and rushed to the place only to find human flesh litter everywhere. Those we could identify as incomplete human bodies were six and we took the corpses to the hospital, but those that could not be identified were put in bags. We don't know how many corpses are there because it was legs, heads and hands with some other body parts," he said.

Meanwhile, parents in Borno State, on Monday, appealed to the state government to reopen public secondary schools shut down in March 2014, following suspected Boko Haram attacks on schools in neighbouring Yobe.

A cross section of par-

ents, who spoke with the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Maiduguri, the state capital, expressed concern over the continued closure of the schools.

Mallam Modu Fallata, a parent who resides at Bulumkutu, expressed sadness over the closure of the schools.

"Five out of my 16 children are secondary school students studying in public schools in Maiduguri.

"These five children have been staying at home for the past 15 months without go-

ing to school due to no fault of theirs," Fallata said.

He said most parents had transferred their children to private schools following the prolonged public schools closure.

"Most people have either moved their children to other states or transferred them to private schools, to continue their education.

"But some of us have sent our children to relatives who live outside the state," Fallata said.

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N8bn CBN fraud: Court refuses

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JUSTICE Nathaniel Ayo-Emmanuel of the Federal High Court, Ibadan, on Monday, dismissed bail applications brought before the court by five staff of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and some staff of commercial banks, in the case of N8 billion financial fraud brought before it by the Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), ordering the suspects to be remanded in Agodi prisons pending their trial.

He also ordered an accelerated hearing in the trial and adjourned the matter till July 6 and 7.

It will be recalled that six staff of CBN and 33 others from various commercial banks are standing trial on account of 108-count charges before the Federal High Court, Ibadan.

The crime, according to the CBN report and EFCC, was "a systematic scheme, which has been on for several years, was being run in which mutilated higher denomination notes, originally meant for destruc-

tion, were swapped with lower denomination currencies.

The practice, known as interleaving, basically labels a box with a higher value than its true content."

On June 2, the accused were brought to court by the EFCC.

Those who appeared in court on Monday for ruling in the three batches were Kolawole Babalola, Olaniran Muniru Adeola, Toogun Philips, Salami Ibrahim and Emmanuel Odia- in FHC/IB/35C/2015, Patience Okoro Eye, Afolabi Olufemi Johnson,, Ilori Olukunle, Kolawole Babalola, Olaniran Muniru and Fatai Adedokun Yusuf in the second batch of case file number FHC/IB/36C/2015, and the third batch- Kolawole Babalola, Olaniran Muniru Adeola, Toogun Kayode Philips and Tope Akintade on FHC/IB/37C/2015.

The court, in its ruling on the three cases- FHC/IB/35C/2015, FHC/IB/36C/2015, FHC/IB/37C/2015 involving 10 accused people brought