

# 4 die, many wounded in Boko Haram bomb attack in Maiduguri

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THREE suspected members of Boko Haram on a tricycle denoted an improvised explosive device while attempting to gain entrance into the Molai General Hospital in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, on Saturday.

The explosion killed two security guards at the gate, as well as two of the suicide bombers, while the third was arrested, with several innocent civilians wounded from the blast.

Residents of the hospital told Sunday Tribune in Maiduguri on Saturday that the explosion occurred around 4.00p.m. According to the residents, the third suicide bomber was handed over to security officials for interro-

gation.

"We heard the sound of the explosion and saw dust and smoke towards the hospital gate at about a minute after 4.00p.m.

"You know one cannot rush to the scene immediately, though one is a medical personnel, as it is the duty of the security men to ensure safety before we move in.

"But since it happened at our gate, some of our staff rushed to the scene and called me. By the time I got there, two of our security guards and two others whom we were told were part of the suicide bombers, were struggling to gain entry to the hospital," one of the senior nurses at the hospital, Umar Mohammed, related.