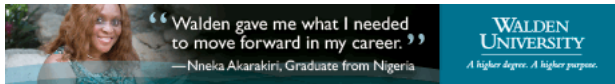


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As attempted attack by female suicide bomber failed in Kano

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NO fewer than 30 people were reported to have been killed, while several others sustained injuries when bomb exploded at Sabon Garin Local Government secretariat of Zaria, Kaduna State, on Tuesday morning.

Reliable source told the Nigerian Tribune that the blast occurred around 9.00 a.m, when the new sole administrator of the local government reported to office and the biometric verification exercise was going on at the secretariat.

The state government had, two weeks ago, announced to undertake the biometric data of its workers with the view of ascertaining the exact number of its workforce for future planning.

The biometric verification, it was gathered, was going on intermittently at Zaria, Kafanchan and Kaduna and it was expected to be completed on July 8.

It was gathered that the civil servants were already on the queue, waiting for the commencement of the exercise, when the bomb exploded.

"Immediately, I ran out of the secretariat for safety. Later, when the dust settled, I saw bodies of 30 people, with several others groaning on the floor.

"Those who survived the blast sustained serious injuries and were taken to nearby hospitals," the source further declared.

As of the time of filing this report, security personnel had been deployed to the secretariat and the whole area had now been cordoned by security operatives.

Even though no one or group claimed responsibility for the bomb blast as of the time of filing this report, the blast might not be unconnected with the activities of insurgents. The renewed attacks had led to the death of hundreds of people.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Zubairu Abubakar, confirmed the incident, saying the police were at the scene of the blast.

On the number of casualties, he said they were yet to know the exact number of those who were killed, promising to call back when he had got the number.

Meanwhile, the state governor, Mallam Nasiru el-Rufai, has condemned the attack, describing it as an inhuman act.

He made his feelings known in a press statement issued to the Nigerian Tribune and signed by his Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Mr Samuel Aruwan, on Tuesday.

While commiserating with the bereaved families, the governor remarked that Zaria, on Tuesday, suffered a terrible act of infamy. Terrorists detonated explosives which killed 25 people, including a two-year-old child, while 32 injured people were being treated at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Zaria and other hospitals in the city.

In a related development, luck ran against a female suicide bomber, on Monday, when in an attempt to kill people who were in a Mosque for prayer got herself consumed by the bomb she planted in her body.

According to a source, who was close to where the incident occurred, at Dengi in Dyadi-dyadi roundabout, Kano, at about 9.30 p.m, said the female suicide bomber may have been targeting the mosque to detonate the explosive and kill innocent people who were there for Ramadan prayer, but luck was not on her side, as the bomb on her dismembered her.

It was gathered that aside the fact that her move was not successful, no casualty was recorded as of the time of filing this report.

The image-maker of the police, Magaji Musa Majia, confirmed the incident, saying only the female suicide bomber killed herself.

He, however, added that the area had been cordoned-off by the security operatives.

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