

29 killed, 99 injured in Gombe explosions

TWIN bomb explosions at two motor parks in Gombe metropolis, on Wednesday night, claimed no fewer than 29 lives, while 99 other persons sustained injuries, the Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRCS) in Gombe State has confirmed.

Malam Abubakar Yakubu, state secretary of NRCS, told

the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday that the remains of the dead victims had been deposited at the mortuary of Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH), Gombe.

He said those injured were also receiving medical attention at the hospital and Specialists' Hospital, Gombe.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

Fwaje Atajiri, on Thursday, confirmed the incident and the number of casualty.

"The casualty figure from the hospital on Wednesday was 30 dead and 105 injured.

"But when we went to the hospital today (Thursday), they checked their records and gave us 29 dead, 99 injured," he said.

The police spokesman

added that the first blast occurred at Dadinkowa motor park around 7.30 p.m., followed by the second explosion at Dukku park some hours later.

Atajiri said the area of the incident was cordoned off and movement in the metropolis restricted throughout the remaining part of the night.

An eyewitness, Malam

Idris Musa, told NAN that the explosion at the Dadinkowa Park occurred close to a mosque when people were coming out after performing their prayers.

NAN gathered that in both cases, the improvised explosive devices were planted.

Meanwhile, normalcy has returned in Dadin/kowa and Dukku motor parks af-

ter the Wednesday's twin bomb blast, Police spokesman, Atajiri, said.

Atajiri told NAN on Thursday that people now go about their normal activities.

He advised members of the public to be vigilant, report any suspicious movement and any unusual item such as parcel or food flask to security agencies.