

No suicide bombing in IDP camp —NEMA

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THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), on Monday, denied the reported suicide attack on one of its camp in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Speaking to journalists, the Zonal Coordinator, North-East of the agency, Alhaji Mohammed Kanar, said the bomb explosion was close to the Dalori internally displaced persons' (IDPs) camp and not within the heavily populated camp. According to him, some

people fleeing the attacked town, Dalori, some meters away from the camp, wanted to flee into the IDP camps, but since it was after 6.00 p.m, they were not allowed to enter, in line with the camp's rule.

He said they decided to take refuge under the neem tree and some moments later, a blast was heard, killing some of them.

He lamented that a suicide bomber might have infiltrated the gathering.

2 On the number of casualties, Kanar said 65 people had so far died from the

incident, which equally left 136 people injured.

He disclosed that emergency workers had to work all through Saturday night to evacuate the corpses and to assist the injured to the hospital.

Kanar said normalcy had returned to the area, as those who fled in the wake of the attack had returned home.

He noted that NEMA had deployed needed materials to the attacked communities to begin their reconstruction.