

The *Olubadan* of Ibadanland, *Oba Saliu Adetunji*, flanked by *Afenifere* leaders, *Sir Olaniwun Ajayi* (left) and *Chief Ayo Adebanjo*, during their visit to the palace, in Ibadan, on Thursday. PHOTO: ALOLADE GANIYU

Female suicide bombers kill 8 at refugee camp in N/East

TWO female suicide bombers have killed at least eight people at a camp for people displaced by the jihadist Boko Haram insurgency in the North-East, a community security force member and a Customs official said, on Thursday.

The bombings hap-

pened around 8.00 a.m., on Wednesday, in the town of Banki, on the edge of Borno State, near the border with Cameroon. An attack in February on internally-displaced persons' camp, also in Borno State, killed 60 people.

Details of Wednes-

day's attack were slow to emerge, as Banki is remote and largely disconnected from mobile phone networks. The state of Borno is where Boko Haram began their insurgency seven years ago. The group wants to create a state adhering to

strict sharia law.

"Two female suicide bombers, who were initially thought to be IDPs, blew themselves up in the camp," said Khalid Aji, a member of a grassroots community security group based in Konduga, a Borno district, nearly 100km from Banki.

"The first one occurred at about 8.00 a.m. and the

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