

## 7 die in Borno multiple suicide attacks

THE Borno State Police Command, on Wednesday, confirmed the death of seven persons in a multiple suicide attack in Maiduguri, the state capital.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Damian Chukwu, told the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** that the suicide bombers targeted three "unauthorised" internally displaced persons (IDPs) camps in Muna area of the city.

He said the first attack was at a camp sheltering displaced persons mainly from Gulumba community, in Bama Local Government Area of the state.

"Altogether, seven persons, made up of three suspected suicide bombers and four innocent Nigerians, were killed.

"The attack occurred around 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday, around Muna area of the metropolis.

"The first attack took place at a place called Gulumba, where IDPs mainly from Gulumba community are staying.

"The suicide bomber sneaked in and detonated

his explosive, killing himself, a woman and a kid, leaving nine others injured.

"The second attack occurred in a place called Muna Dagalti, where unauthorised IDPs are staying.

"The suicide bomber detonated his explosive inside a tent, killing himself and one other person, leaving six others injured.

"The third attack was at Muna Baya, where the suicide bomber met some Muslim faithful performing ablution for early morning prayer.

"He ran to them and deto-

onated his explosive, killing himself and one other person, and leaving four others injured."

NAN reported that an official of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), however, said five suspected suicide bombers were involved in the attacks.

NEMA North-East Information Officer, Mallam Abdulkadir Ibrahim, in a statement in Maiduguri, said five suicide bombers and three other people died in the attack.

"Series of bomb blasts have occurred in three

locations around Muna Garage area of Maiduguri metropolis. The incidents occurred around 4.00 a.m.

"A total of five suicide bombers, all male adults, were involved in the incidents, killing three persons," he added.

According to the NEMA spokesman, 20 people with various degrees of injuries were administered first aid by emergency response teams before they were transported to the state specialist hospital.

He said the remains of the dead had been deposited in mortuary.

## ... 90-year-old IDP endangers self to salvage N300 burnt potatoes during attack

A 90-year-old internally displaced person (IDP), Zahrah Musa, on Wednesday rushed to salvage her N300 potatoes, minutes after she escaped a bomb attack in Maiduguri, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** reports.

NAN reported that while fellow IDPs kept a safe distance from the scene of the bombing, Zahrah searched

her burnt tent in an effort to recover the potatoes.

The woman, who kept saying "I am very hungry," ignored emergency rescue workers from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) who tried to stop her.

Zahrah, who was wounded in the explosion, insisted that getting back her food was of paramount im-

portance to her.

When it became obvious she would not budge, a NEMA official had to carry her in his hands to a mobile ambulance to treat her bleeding legs.

In spite of her condition, the woman continued to protest, saying she must be allowed to get back her potatoes, which she bought the previous day at N300.