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4 killed as 3 female suicide bombers hit town near Maiduguri

FOUR people have been killed in a suicide bomb attack at Mandirari Village in the Kondugu Local Government Area of Borno State, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

An official of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency, Mallam Bello Danbatta, who confirmed the development, told NAN on Thursday that the attack occurred late on Wednesday.

He said the agency had since deployed its rescue team to the village, which, according to him, was near Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Danbatta said the team had also evacuated people, who sustained injuries in the attack to the Maiduguri Specialist Hospital for medical attention.

A resident of Mandirari Village, Malam Jubril Modu, who claimed to have witnessed the attack, said that four female suicide bombers were involved in the attack.

He said the bombers were

intercepted by members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), when the insurgents were trying to infiltrate Mandirari Village.

Modu said one of the insurgents detonated an explosive strapped to her body, making the device strapped on two other suicide bombers to detonate.

"The bomb blew up the insurgents into pieces. One member of the CJTF and three others sustained injuries in the blast."

Modu explained that

the fourth suicide bomber threw away the explosive device on her body and fled.

"A team of the CJTF member is searching for the fleeing suicide bomber," he stated.

A member of the military task force, who spoke to NAN on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak on the issue, also confirmed the attack.

The officer, however, said security had been beefed up in the area.

Indiscriminate citing of gas station a —NALPGAM

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THE Nigerian Association of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Marketers (NALPGAM) has called on the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to ensure compliance before issuing licence to would-be gas plant operators.

This was as it lamented that indiscriminate location of gas plants without re-

course to safety of the environment could be disastrous for the nation.

Outgoing president of NALPGAM, Basil Ogbuanu, made this appeal in Benin City, on Thursday, at the annual general meeting of the association.

He called on members of the association to explore the advantages in the industry, saying that less than 10 million