

Suicide bomber kills 5 inside mosque in Borno

2 bombers die in failed suicide attempt in Borno

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AT least five people were killed on Monday when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a mosque in Borno State, a militia member assisting the military against Boko Haram jihadists said.

The leader of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) in Ajiri Yala, some 15 kilometres north of Maiduguri, said the attack happened at about 4:30 a.m.

"A male suicide bomber disguised as a worshipper entered the mosque while people were gathering for the morning prayers," he told Agence France Presse (AFP) on telephone.

"He detonated his ex-

plosives. He killed five people and injured several others."

According to the source, Boko Haram typically never claims responsibility, but has used suicide bombing as a frequent tactic in its eight-year insurgency to establish a hardline Islamic state.

Mosques that do not ascribe to its extremist views, according to the source, are seen as legitimate targets, as are people and places seen to be supportive of the secular government.

Last Sunday, 14 people were killed when three women detonated their explosives near the Muna Garage camp, which is home to tens of thousands of people made

homeless by the violence.

The United Nations warned recently that attack against internally displaced people (IDPs) in camps across the region "continue to be a major concern," AFP stated.

In a related development, two female suicide bombers, on Monday, failed to get to their targets where they would have blown up themselves at the Muna Garage axis of Maiduguri.

Police spokesman, Victor Isuku, told reporters that the female insurgents attempted to infiltrate Maiduguri township, but were sighted by security personnel deployed on patrol who accosted them.

"Apparently startled by the presence of the security patrol team, and in order to avoid arrest, one of the bombers hurriedly detonated her IED vest killing herself and her partner in a nearby farmland close to NDLEA checkpoint on Maiduguri-Mafa highway, outskirts of Maiduguri township," the police spokesman stated.

"The police patrol teams were mobilised to sanitise the scene/vicinity, and to render the unexploded IED vest of the second bomber detonated," he added.

Nothing will stop anti-open grazing law, says Benue religious group

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AS the Benue State government is set to commence the implementation of the Anti-Open Grazing Law in the state tomorrow, a religious group, Nongo U Kristu U I Ser U Sha Tar (NKST) otherwise known as the Reformed Christian Church, on Monday, said nothing should stop the law from taking effect.

President of the church,

pected to have a hidden agenda to destabilise the state, aimed at exterminating innocent farmers in their homelands," it said.

The church called on the Federal Government to restrict the Fulani herdsmen to the far north, and advised states in the north to adopt irrigation in their respective states to ensuring the growth of grass that would feed their cattle.