

27 dead, 56 injured as 2 male suicide bombers hit mosque, market in Adamawa

ABOUT 27 people were reported dead and 56 injured following bomb blasts in Mubi town, Adamawa State, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported.

However, medical source and rescue workers told the *Agence France Presse (AFP)* that over 60 people died and 68 were injured in the attacks.

Two residents who attended burial of the victims yesterday evening told *AFP* that they buried over 60 people.

One of them, Muhammad Hamidu, said "before I left the cemetery, I took part in the burial of 68 people. More bodies were being brought by families of the victims."

Another resident, Abdullahi Labaran, told *AFP* "we left 73 freshly-dug graves where each victim was buried. There are still unclaimed bodies at the hospital."

Also, a medical source at the Mubi General Hospital told *AFP* that they received more than 40 bodies within two hours of the incident.

Confirming the incident, chairman of Mubi North Local Government Area, Alhaji Musa Bello, said the blasts occurred around 1.30 p.m.

"All I can tell you for now

the prayers, he detonated the bomb," he said.

Another resident, Isa Danladi, said he was about to leave his house near the mosque when he heard the blast.

"Many people died on the spot and several others were taken to hospital with severe injuries," he said.

Head of Adamawa State Emergency Management

Agency, Haruna Hamman-Furo, described the blast as "devastating," saying there were "high casualties."

The state Commissioner of Information and Strategy, Ahmad Sajoh, in a statement made available to *NAN* in Yola, confirmed the death of 27 people, adding that 56 injured people were on admission in hospital.

"While condemning the sa-

tanistic, cowardly and dastardly act, the Adamawa State governor, Senator Mohammed Bindow, has ordered the immediate provision of medical supplies and mobilisation of medical officers to the General Hospital, Mubi.

"In addition, the Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (ADSEMA) has been ordered to supply food and non-food items to the

hospital to cater for victims and their relations," he said.

The statement urged people to donate blood and be more vigilant, reiterating government's commitment to protection of lives and property of all citizens.

It also called for calm and resilience.

Meanwhile, the Adamawa State Commissioner of Police, Mr Abdullahi Yerima, has

confirmed that two male suicide bombers were involved in the twin bomb attacks.

Yerima, who spoke to *NAN*, said the first blast was in a mosque around the second hand clothes market during afternoon prayer, while the second was outside the mosque.

"The first blast was in a mosque, while the second suicide bomber detonated outside the area when people around were rushing to escape," Yerima said.

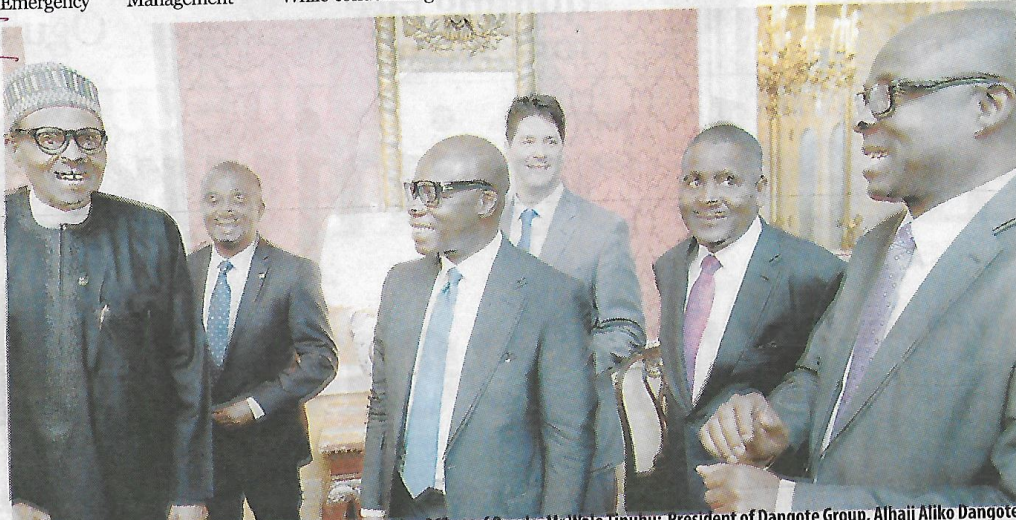
The commissioner said so far, information reaching him indicated that about 20 people were seriously injured and had been taken to the General Hospital.

In a later confirmation, the police, speaking through the spokesperson, Othman Abubakar, confirmed killed in the blasts.

He said the first of the blasts occurred at about 1.00 p.m.

"While people were evacuating the victims of the blast, another explosion occurred."

"Twenty-four people confirmed dead. The area has been cordoned off by the anti-bomb squad and other security personnel," Abubakar said.



From left, President Muhammadu Buhari; Chief Executive Officer of Oando, Mr Wale Tinubu; President of Dangote Group, Alhaji Aliko Dangote; former Ekiti State governor, Mr Niyi Adebayo and others, shortly after Buhari's meeting with Chief Executives of United States Companies at the Blair House, Washington DC, United States, on Monday.