

...handing over of the newly established 1 Brigade, in Gusau, Zamfara, on Thursday. PHOTO: NAN.

Female suicide bomber shot dead in Maiduguri

THE police in Borno State successfully foiled a lone suicide bomb attack on Wednesday night in Maiduguri, the state capital, the state Police Commissioner, Mr Da-

mian Chukwu, has said. Chukwu told the *News Agency of Nigeria*

(NAN) on telephone that the incident occurred at about 8:30 p.m. on the outskirts of Maiduguri.

He said a teenage female bomber attempted to infiltrate a security checkpoint before security men shot at her while the Improvised Explosive Device vest strapped to her body exploded.

He said the explosion blew the girl into pieces, saying there were no other casualties in the attack.

The commissioner added that men of the Explosive Ordnance Department were deployed to sanitise the area.

74 aircraft engineers, technicians in Kaduna

He said it was peculiar for not only being the first time in 431 Engineering Group centre since change of nomenclature from Local Type Rating Course (LOTRAC) but also being the first in-country type training for the Super Mushshak fleet recently acquired.

According to him, the seamless coordination between the Pakistani and NAF maintenance personnel to transfer knowledge to participants was quite commendable, considering

cern to the units to meet up with aircraft maintenance, considering the expanding fleets of the NAF in recent years.

"Skilled aircraft maintenance personnel go on retirement each year, amounting to pressure on units and the few skilled personnel.

"This in-country training effort will, therefore, not only reduce this growing pressure, but will also build an enduring knowledge

foundation for further specialist training on various platforms.

"This approach, no doubt, optimised the opportunity of having the Pakistani expatriates on the Super Mushshak aircraft.

"I therefore respectfully applaud the laudable initiative of the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, to have approved commencement of the course," he said.

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