

2 Ndume raises alarm as suicide bombers hit Gworza

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LESS than 24 hours after the senator representing Niger East, Mohammed Sani Musa, raised the alarm that bandits had displaced residents in his constituents, another senator has called on the Federal Government to strengthen the military against the rampaging insurgents in the North-East.

Senator representing Borno South, who incidentally is the

chairman, Senate Committee on Army, Ali Ndume, made the call at the weekend.

In a statement he personally signed, Ndume called on the military to redeploy more soldiers in Maiduguri-Damaturu road which he noted had been notorious for Boko Haram and kidnapping in recent days.

He said until recently, "the road used to be safer and it is the only outlet linking Maiduguri to other states in the

country."

He disclosed that on Sunday, two women on suicide mission detonated bombs early in the morning in a mosque located in Bulabulum ward in Gworza town within his senatorial district in Borno State.

"According to the account of the Brigade commander in the area, the two women slipped into the mosque pretending to be there for early morning (Subuhi) prayer.

"They detonated the bombs simultaneously leaving two people dead and 12 others severely injured, with the mosque fully razed to rubble. Because the people were alerted early enough, the casualty were however minimised," he said.

He called on the Federal Government to strengthen the military by ensuring that the Chadian forces which were withdrawn recently are returned.