

Police confirm nine dead, 20 injured in Borno IED attack

Govt declares 24hr-curfew

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THE police in Borno State on Thursday said nine people were killed, while 20 others were injured when Boko Haram detonated an Improvised

Explosive Device(IED), in Kawuri in Konduga Local Government Area of the state.

The state Commissioner of Police, Yusuf Lawan, who disclosed this in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria(NAN) in Maiduguri, the state capital, said the incident occurred

in a marketplace at about 8:00 p.m on Wednesday.

Lawan said that response teams were quickly dispatched to the scene to evacuate the injured victims for treatment, while the corpses were taken to Primary Health Care Centre (PHC).

He said that the Police Explo-

sive Ordnance Device(EOD) team was deployed to the scene to protect the area from further bombs.

He added that normalcy was restored, and joint security teams are on cautious alerts.

Meanwhile, the state has been placed under a

24-hour curfew following a deadly bomb blast that killed 16 people and injured several others in Kawuri village, Konduga Local Government Area.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Kenneth Daso, announced the curfew on behalf of the state government on Thursday, saying it was aimed at restoring law and order.

The decision was taken af-

ter consultations with Governor Babagana Zulum and security chiefs, according to the police.

The blast, caused by an improvised explosive device, has raised fresh concerns about security in the troubled state.

The government has appealed to citizens to remain calm and law-abiding as it struggles to contain the fallout from the latest attack.

