



The most affected area was Gwange ward where series of bomb blasts had occurred in the last two weeks killing JTF men.

The first blast which occurred at about 5:30pm in Gwange ward of Maiduguri metropolis came barely seven hours after the District Head of Gwange who was shot dead by suspected terrorists was buried at the Gwange cemetery amidst tight security.

Other multiple explosions took place in Gomari Costain, London Ciki among others. The deafening explosions were heard all over Maiduguri metropolis and Jere council area. A team of JTF was said to have engaged the gunmen in shoot out which led to the killing of innocent people who were rushing to their various homes to escape from the shoot out.

A resident of Gwange told our correspondent that more than 10 people were killed in both the multiple blasts and shootings in Gwange ward alone. An unconfirmed report, however, said that over 40 people were killed.

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Reports reaching us say explosion has occurred on Monday in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital, leaving at least 10 dead, according to residents.

It reportedly happened at the Post Office area.

An explosive device suspected to be a bomb was also found in Minna, the Niger state capital, and detonated by the police.

The explosive was found close to Abdulsalami motor park along Minna/Suleja road.

An eye witness said that the contents of a polythene bag placed by the road side opposite the Abdulsalami motor park made a passerby to call the attention of the police, who arrived and defuses what turned out to be an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

The explosive which was packed in an envelope was dropped by unidentified persons beside the major road.

Eye witness acount indidicates that it was a staff of the state Environmental Agency that raised the alarm while clearing filth on the road.

Niger state Police Command comfirmed the incident but declined to give details.

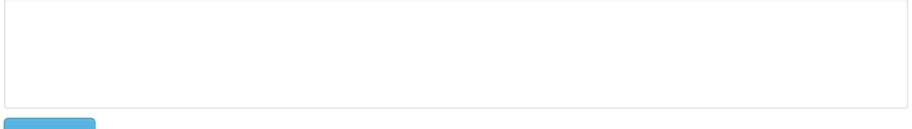
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