

Three killed, 15 injured in fresh Borno bomb blasts

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Picture of Bomb Blast At

Election Centres In Borno

At least three people were killed while 15 others were seriously injured in fresh bomb blasts in Borno State yesterday. The blasts occurred as the police deployed about 10,000 of its men in the state to monitor the governorship and House of Assembly elections holding today. The two bomb blasts that rocked the state capital occurred in Maduganari and Gamboru wards of the city, killing three people, including a police corporal.

Borno State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mike Zuokumor, confirmed the incident. He said that at exactly 8:30 pm, two men came on a motorcycle and threw a bomb at a local beer joint situated behind the Police College, Maiduguri, where people gathered for relaxation. He said immediately after the incident, the police were alerted, and men of the police anti-bomb squad were drafted to the scene, but because of the dark, they couldn't do much; they only evacuated the victims to Umaru Shehu Hospital.

The police commissioner further said that when men of the bomb disposal unit visited the scene of the incident yesterday morning, they discovered a bomb that was yet to be detonated. Also, at the Kasuwan Shanu junction in Gamboru ward, the commissioner said a bomb was thrown at the police patrol vehicle, but that there was no causality, except that the tyres of the patrol vehicle were damaged. He said immediately after the elections, the police will confront the problems of violent crimes, which, for some time, have engulfed Maiduguri the capital city.

On text messages by those he described as evil men, who do not want peace in the state, calling on people not to come out to vote, Mr. Zuokumor said people should come out and vote for candidates of their choice, as the police are ever ready to provide adequate security during and after the elections. He called on the general public to assist the police by providing vital information, as security is a collective responsibility, adding that the police cannot be everywhere.