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There were fears in part of the North on Wednesday that Boko Haram had shifted their attacks to areas not affected by the state of emergency.

This followed late Tuesday's night attack on a police station in Birniwa, Jigawa State. The town is on the border with

Yobe State, where Boko Haram has carried out a series of bombings in recent times.

Reports on Wednesday claimed that one life was lost and a policeman wounded after unknown gunmen attacked the Birniwa Divisional Police Station.

There was speculation however that the dreaded Boko Haram was behind the attack which led to the death of a teenage girl.

But the Jigawa State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hashimu Argungu, told one of our correspondents that they had yet to establish Boko Haram's involvement in the attack.

He said, "The gunmen shot indiscriminately into the police station and engaged our men in a shootout, killing a teenage girl trying to flee and wounding a policeman."

"They threw an explosive into the police station but it did not detonate, which saved the police station from being destroyed, although its walls were riddled with bullets from the attack."

Meanwhile, the Ijesa-North traditional council has urged the Federal Government to respond to the United Nations Department of Safety and Security's alert that Boko Haram is planning to bomb Lagos.

A statement on Wednesday by the Olotan of Otan-Ile, Oba Adegbelemi Olatokun, who doubles as the traditional council's Chairman, Publicity Committee, said Boko Haram posed a great challenge to the unity of the country.

Reports quoted the Coordinator, Field Security Officer, UN

department of safety and security, Mr Ramesh Singh, on Friday, as warning Lagosians to be wary of impending bomb strikes by the sect.

He said, "The Federal Government must take the bulls by the horns by naming those people behind the shedding of innocent blood. The bombings are now coming with impunity and viciousness. President Goodluck Jonathan must act now."

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