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Police authorities in Kano State and some sources on Tuesday gave different figures as casualties of the Monday suicide bomb blasts at an inter-state commercial bus park in Sabon-Gari, Kano.

While the security sources, who were among those taking a tally of the victims, said the death toll had risen from 30 to about_75_the Kano State Police Command gave a much lower number of 22.

blasts, which injured scores of passengers, drivers, hawkers and visitors, also destroyed five Marco polo luxury

buses. A Marco polo bus belonging to Gobison Motors had on board over 70 passengers when it was attacked by the suicide bombers as it was about departing the ever-busy park for Lagos.

One of the security sources, who did not give his name because he was not permitted to do so, told our correspondent that the death toll was high because the luxury buses were parked close to one another since they were to move in convov.

"The luxury buses always travel in convoy for security reasons and this was why the casualty figure was high. They were parked close to one another. Most passengers in the first bus which might have had at least 70 passengers, including those that were given seats called 'attachment', died," he said.

The officer explained that each of the buses had about 75 or more passengers.

"One of the suicide bombers must have timed the attack because he drove into the park and attacked the first bus when the five buses were filled up and were about to drive out in convoy to Lagos and that was why he (bomber) achieved a heavy casualty rate," he said.

But the Kano State Police Command which put the casualty at 22, said that 65 persons, mostly passengers were injured.

The Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Musa Daura, told journalists in Kano that the attack was executed by two suicide bombers, who rammed their vehicle against one of the luxury buses.

He said, "Two suicide bombers drove a blue Volkswagen Golf into the luxurious bus motor park along New Road, Sabon Gari. They attacked and hit a loaded bus belonging to Gobison Motors which was taking off to Lagos and sparked off a serious explosion,"

He said this caused the bus to burst into flames which affected passengers, hawkers, traders and workers at

Daura confirmed that five buses were burnt during the incident, adding that, "fire- fighters immediately raced to the scene and the flames were put under control after which the whole area was cordoned off."

The police commissioner said those who survived the attack were currently receiving medical attention in hospitals in the city, while many corpses were deposited in the morque.

He urged residents of the troubled city to remain calm and go about their normal business, adding that

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security agencies were committed to the protection of lives and property.

Daura also confirmed the killing of a policewoman by suspected gunmen on Tuesday morning.

He said the victim, who was attached to Zone 1, Headquarters of the police, was attacked while replacing the flat tyre of her car.

Residents of new bus station in Sabon Gari on Monday night deserted the streets to avoid arrest by security personnel who took over the motor park area and surrounding streets shortly after the incident.

Findings showed that some of the residents even left their homes after the blasts which shook the buildings in the area to their foundations.

Intercity drivers and commercial bus operators also left the park with their vehicles.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Interior, Abba Moro, has described the blasts as "callous, unwarranted and wicked."

Moro, in a statement by his Special Assistant on Media, George Udoh, said he was pained when he heard the news of the killing of innocent Nigerians by persons suspected to be Boko Haram members.

The minister "reiterated the need for prominent Nigerians, student union, civil society and religious groups as well as traditional institutions and professional bodies to voice out their resentment against the evil being perpetrated by members of the inglorious sect on the nation.

While condoling with the families of the blast victims, and the government and people of Kano State, the minister promised that the Federal Government would smoke out the perpetrators and expose their sponsors.

Also, the leader of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra, Chief Ralph Uwazuruike, warned that *Ndigbo* would be forced to defend themselves from the killings in various parts of the North

He added that the Igbo had been pushed to the wall by the Boko Haram, adding that the people would have no option but to defend themselves.

Uwazuruike said, "The killings and other senseless activities against *Ndigbo* must not continue. I know that it was this type of massacre that brought about the first civil war in Nigeria; I am disappointed in our people, when they were being slaughtered, I brought out buses to bring them back home, but they chose to remain in the North.

"What I did was to safeguard their lives. But I want to advise President Goodluck Jonathan that there is a limit to everything. *Ndigbo* can no longer continue to allow themselves to be senselessly killed in the North. I must warn that *Ndigbo* are not cowards; they will react if pushed to the wall."

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THE STUPID POLICE COMMAND WAS BUSY REDUCING THE POPULATION THAT WAS KILL BUT ...THUNDER WILL SOON FIRE HIS SMELLING MOUTH ...EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT ALL POLITICAL AND POLICE, ARMY, ARE FORCE IN NORTH ALL ARE MEMBER OF BOKO HARAM BUT 2015 WILL BRING ALL THIS TO END

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Uche Chike → LONDON boy • 19 days ago

BH are sponsored by some political and religious leaders from the north.

Unfortunately they have ended up destroying their people and generation. You are killing and destroying Nigeria because GEJ is the president and think that you will be supported when you become president tomorrow. No amount of force and ammunition can stand the people resolve to self determination.

These leaders should note that BH will soon consume them as well.

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Encyclopaedia → Uche Chike • 19 days ago

Uche Chike, you are one of the the senseless igbomen,who keeps creating problem for the igbos. Remmember what saul said to jonathan his son. Saul said to jonathan his son what share do you have in the son of jesse?". Exactly, what share does an Igboman have in the government of jonathan? People like you will talk anyhow and that is why Igbos are being attacked. Sensible people will call for amnesty so as to get to the root of this gboko haram, the igboman who is worst hit will say no, because his lack of education has deprieved him of reasoning. Azazi told the truth that gboko haram is PDP, which is government of the day,. After this revelation, he was retired by jonathan his kinsman and not quite long died. It shows that gboko haram is operating for PDP against 2015. Almighty God is watching.

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abu → Encyclopaedia • 19 days ago

you mean PDPalso syria yamen algeria

mali afghanistan tunisia sudan somalia and all the arab countries?cant you people just said the truth?are forgeting what muhamed advices all muslim to do?ISLAM AND MUSLIM ARE SIMPLY WORKING FOR THE MUHAHED.

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Innocent Ekulide → Encyclopaedia • 19 days ago

So igbos are illiterates Encyclopaedia? I sympathise with you and generations who think we can be intimidated by all these senseless killings to abandon Jonathan,i'm sorry for you. It is interesting that you people are playing into our hand, killing the same Oyinbo people that supplied you arms and mercenaries to fight during the civil war.

At least the whole world now know that nigeria can never live together in peace and next time soon they know what to do.Northern people and islam are twin evil plaguing nigeria but we shall overcome. You will never succeed in spreading your evil religion in the East, we are God's people and will never join voodoo religion that thrives in the blood of women and children. You are helping us by forcing our recastrant people to move out or be killed, they

were warned by Ikemba and Ohanaeze to stay out of the evil states in the north but they didn't listen ,today chicken has come home for the roast.

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Jonathan recognized David as God's anointed king and worked hard to support him especially seeing what David did for Israel. It has pleased God for Jonathan to be president and fighting or trying to disstabilize his government is a dis-service to God and those doing this havoc will pay for it. Remember some said that Jonathan will win the election but will not govern. Don't you think that all these bombings and killings are distractions to his government.

Please do not bring tribalism or sectionalism to the whole. We should be living in a civilized world.

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JAMJOB44 → Encyclopaedia • 19 days ago

HAUSA THAT HAS LED THE COUNTRY ESPECIALLY THE NORTHERN PEOPLE TO ABJECT POVERTY... ARE YOU NOT A SHAME THAT NORTHERNERS WERE THE POOREST IN THE COUNTRY AFTER ALMOST 40 YEARS IN POWER?, WHILE YOUR KINSMEN HAS LED US TO 3 DECADES BACKWARD BEHIND. IF WHAT THEY THINK IS TO BRING FEAR TO US... WELL NO MUCH COMMENT, BUT WANT TELL YOU THAT WHEN KILLINGS START IN THE NORTH, YOU YOURSELF WILL CALL FOR PEACE, BECAUSE FROM THERE, NIGERIA WILL

DISINTEGRATE/SEPARATE WITHOUT A FUSS. NOT ONLY THE IGBOS OR SOUTHERNERS THAT BLEED BLOODS. EVEN THAT SULTAN OR EMIR YOUR USELESS KINGDOM WILL BLEEDS HIS OWN BLOOD SOON. HE IS THE BRAIN BEHIND THESE ILLICIT AND UNGODLY ACTS BY THE INFIDELS. THE FAKE PROPHET OF YOUR USELESS god MOHAMMED, WAS A RAPIST, TERRORIST, WIVES SNATCHER. HE WAS A DEVIL.

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Distraction from Ako Bata Aboki yourbas

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Wikkyduff → mikkyduff • 19 days ago

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mikkyduff - LONDON boy • 19 days ago

And the Sultan argues for amnesty for the demented blood hounds

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Baba kadi 🖈 mikkyduff 🍨 19 days ago

The sultan out of pity for GEJ called for amnesty knowing that the present Nigeria secure operatives lack the fighting spirit to contain boko haram as the menace is growing in spite of claims of containing it by the security

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COMRADE TOJU IGBENE • 20 days ago

JONATHAN WILL PAY DEARLY FOR THIS. THIS NIGERIA IS GONE, WE URGENTLY

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NEED A NEW NIGERIA.
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TIME TO TALK → COMRADE TOJU IGBENE • 19 days ago

UR A FOOL TO BLAME MR. PRESIDENT. U SHOULD BLAME THE NORTHERN LEADERS FOR INSECURITY. ALL WE NEED IS TO DIVIDE

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John. → COMRADE TOJU IGBENE • 19 days ago

Pls, Toju. when you fail in the school, did your mother or father tell you to fail.?

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stan → COMRADE TOJU IGBENE • 19 days ago

Guy, you be fool, wetin concern Gudluck for this,I know you be hausa man, idiot

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Ogogo → stan • 19 days ago

Whose fault is it then? Who is the chief security officer in the country?

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Ignashyes → Ogogo • 19 days ago

Buhari sounds like BokoooooooooooooHaraaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

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mikkyduff → Ignashyes • 19 days ago

He is the General Officer Commanding, Boko Haram Insurgency
Army. He has added a feather to his infamous hat. He is Sheikh El Dracula

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baba kadi → mikkyduff • 19 days ago

Mumu keep Buhari out o this. This is purely GEJ problem, he is the commander in chief. As for Buhari he successfully contain such fanatics (maitasine) when he was the head of state. Better go pray for your idol to succeed like Buhari.

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Peterson biafra → mikkyduff • 19 days ago

If not God if Jonathan can come down after all this with out south south nation or Biafra country if not God i will personally kill him any where i can see him in this world .

Jallo → Ignashyes • 19 days ago

I quite agree with you that Buhari sounds like BH. Late Azazi said so, he was killed. Buhari is the BOT chairman of PDP.

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john → Ogogo • 19 days ago

Did Mr.President tell you to kill?

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kunle → john • 19 days ago

The president is the custodian of our collective destiny as a nation. As the C-in-C, he is ultimately responsible for our safety & protection of lives and property just in the same vein as the captain of a ship or the pilot of an

airplane is responsible for the passengers on board

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mikkyduff *> kunle • 19 days ago

A former Federal Minister of Defence and incumbent Governor sits comfortably in Kano. This Kwankwan Keferi is a let down

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Ken O • 20 days ago

All these are very disturbing, i think the president and PDP should stop worrying about how to get re-elected but how to stop this boko haram madness, because they owned that much to nigerians. He may has to declare state of emmergency, and inconvinent some individuals in these areas, because the longer you prolong this the harder it will be.

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There is an urgent need to divide this fake amalgamation called Nigeria.

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emmanuel oladepo → TheTruth • 20 days ago

True talk.

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Surpporter.this country of ours is simply a joke.

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Jatau • 20 days ago

He is Alhaji Musa Daura and kept for the purpose of misinforming the nation while his cronies continue the damage. Its a matter of time. See buses in the pix and the man is saying fire fighters came immediately and after the massacre of more than 60 innocent people the man is assuring security! Na lie! and to your tent o Isreal!

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...fire- fighters immediately raced to the scene and the flames were put under control... we can see it from the picture.

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Alexander • 19 days ago

Uwazuruike shut up! When will Ndigbo be pushed to the wall? When they are probably reduced to the barest minimal? Shoot if you want to shoot....don't talk.

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Omenuko • 19 days ago

Where is the security adviser to Jonathan. Is he dead?

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Pekzy • 19 days ago

@ODIUM MBAISE

What has Buhari got to do with the bombing?

I am SW and a Christian. Stop this attack on Buhari. Is he the c-in-c?

The presido was busy forgiving looters of his own people in bayelsa.

How will he focus on insecurity? The issue is GEJ could care less. His attention is 2015 and everything else goes.

Boko Haram is pdp. GEJ, Azazi told us so.

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john. → Pekzy • 19 days ago

THE NORTHERN LEADERS SHOULD COME TOGETHER AND BRING THE BOMBING TO AN END.MR.PRESIDENT CANT DO ANYTHING UNTIL WE STOP.

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mikkyduff → Pekzy • 19 days ago

All Abokis are potential Boko Haram ravagers

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MUSA → mikkyduff • 19 days ago

like you igbos are armed robbers.

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don't mind - MUSA • 18 days ago

are you not ashamed to even pour your saliva? I learned that you people believe in killing according to the evil koran (una book). how do people feel when shading innocent blood, do thing God is happy with you people? i think i should advice you now, if you know anybody that is in this party to peacefully wash his/her from this act your time limit. human being are not rams that you used for suya.

oloche → MUSA • 19 days ago

not only igbos, you are killing every body that is not muslim.from syrya to mali.muslim are terrorist just accept this and continour with your work for allah.

Tony Aneni • 19 days ago

A former security chief said Boko Haram has infiltrated the government and GEJ has not openly refuted that nor the police. All this targets the Igbo man with the greatest of respect. The Igbo man labours from nothing to something and invest in which ever part of the country he finds himself, yet they will not allow him rest. An Igbo man sold his hotel in Kano worth over 300million for 50 million recently just to relocate from Kano to Enugu. Enough of this ethnic cleansing. Chime, Obi, Okorocha, Kalu, Amechi, Uduaghan and Ebonyi, if you like fold you hands and watch. It could be your kinsman someday and if drastic action is not taken peace will not reign. No one has the exclusivity of arms.

Peterson biafra - Tony Aneni • 19 days ago

All the Hausa Fulani hope south east are fearing them that they cannot do anything and all the governors are fearing to say action words it is not their fault anyway, since people thinking they are fighting for freedom just said a word with out action.

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Judgement Day • 20 days ago

Mr Moron is pained by the dead yet his oga is doing nothing to save the masses. We have been hearing the same story from the government since the bombing of the UN house almost 3 years ago " We will fish out the perpetrators and their sponsors" If i may ask? Who is more stupid? Jonathan or we gullible Nigerians? Jonathan is wiser than all of us of course.

What have we actually done more than mere words?

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Begin the Nigerian Spring Revolution. Others will join you. See you at the other

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