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Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo's visit on Wednesday to Maiduguri, the capital of the troubled Borno State, was heralded by suicide bomb attacks.

The Punch can report that two suicide bombers (a male and a female) detonated bombs in Molai village few kilometres from scenes visited by Osinbajo, who was in the town to visit internally displaced persons (IDPs).

A member of the youth vigilante group, Kaka Yusuf, told our correspondent on the telephone in Maiduguri that another set of suicide bombers four days after last Saturday's bombing incident at a general hospital in Molai where five persons died and 16 others injured were back to attack the town.

Molai is 10 kilometres to the south of Maiduguri, where the Vice-President visited.

Maiduguri houses about 1.5 million persons made homeless by the Boko Haram insurgency. They include about 125,000 quartered in 22 camps.

Yusuf said the two suicide bombers blew themselves up and in the process injured two persons.

He said the suicide bombers were suspected to have sneaked into Molai from Sambisa Forest.

He said: "It must have been accidental detonation as no known persons or structure were targeted by the suicide bombers.

"The explosions occurred at about 11 am close to Molai Leprosy/General Hospital and about 100 metres away from a local market. It left both suicide bombers dead with two innocent people injured, many residents including patients on admission at the hospital were left scampering for safety."

Yusuf said the first suicide bomber (a female) detonated the explosive strapped on him at the entrance/gate of the hospital injuring two passersby, while the other one who was riding a bicycle accidentally detonated his explosives at the back of the hospital before reaching the fence at the backyard, killing himself only.

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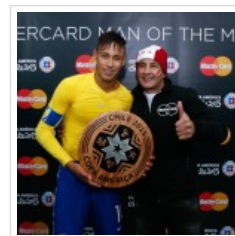


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