

16 killed in Borno explosions, Gombe attack

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Eleven people were killed when three female suicide bombers attacked Benisheik town, in Borno State on Monday, a vigilante source told *SaharaReporters*.

Also, the police in Gombe State said three policemen and two civilians were killed during an attack on Triacta Construction Company's quarters by gunmen in Buba Shango area of Gombe metropolis.

The Gombe State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Fwaje Atajiri, confirmed the attack while speaking with newsmen in Gombe on Monday.

He said the incident occurred on Saturday night and investigation into the matter had commenced.

"For now, we are not going to pre-empt the investigators, we are waiting for them to carry out their duties to a logical conclusion and we will let you know their findings later," he said.

According to him, the officers lost their lives while trying to repel the attack.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* learnt that the two civilians were a security guard and a generator technician.

It was further learnt that the contractors had travelled for the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

The female suicide bombers, *SaharaReporters* quoting a vigilante source, killed the 11 people on Sunday night.

He said the attackers comprised three teenage females, who stormed a checkpoint and detonated IEDs they had on them.

The bombers and six villagers were killed, while over 30 others were injured.

“They killed four women and two men as well as the bombers, also the injured persons have been taken to Maiduguri for treatment,” *SaharaReporters* quoted Lawan Musa as saying.

A hospital source at the Maiduguri State Specialist Hospital said that two of the victims were brought into the hospital dead, while 30 others who were injured were receiving treatment. The victims, he added, had been buried.

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