

Suicide bombers attack Chibok, kill 14

• Gunmen murder five in Borno village

1 NO fewer than 14 persons were killed on Wednesday in a suicide attack on the Chibok Market in Borno State.

Also, five other persons, who had gone to the bush to fetch firewood, were killed by fighters of the outlawed Boko Haram sect in Jawu, near Auno, a village in Borno State.

2 In the attack on the Chibok market on Wednesday, 30 persons were similarly injured.

Coincidentally, the market was reopened on the day of the attacks, having been shut since over 200 schoolgirls were abducted from the Government Secondary School in the town on April 14, 2014.

The Chairman, Chibok Local Government Area of Borno

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that a suspected bomber was apprehended at a different location in the town.

The number of soldiers who were affected in the blasts could not be immediately ascertained, but it was gathered that many of them might have been injured.

The Chairman, Chibok Community in Abuja, Chief Tsambido Abana, confirmed the attacks while speaking with one of our correspondents on Wednesday.

He said, "A blast went off

in the market while another one exploded at a military checkpoint. My uncle and niece were also injured in the blasts; they are being treated in the hospital now."

Meanwhile, the firewood dealers who were killed were said to have been found by youth vigilance group after the civilian security operatives launched a manhunt for them.

It was learnt that the five slain persons were part of a team of 15 firewood dealers, who had gone to Jawu, a village near Auno, about 20 kilometres from Maiduguri, the state capital.

Eight of the dealers, who left Maiduguri on Monday, were said to have escaped the attack of the insurgents, but two others were said to be missing.

The eight traders who escaped had reported the attack, prompting a group of youth vigilance group, hunters and policemen to embark on a manhunt for the missing traders.

According to Audu Ishaq, the vigilantes and hunters from Bulumkutu, Pompomari, Gomari and Ajilari Cross mobilised for a rescue operation on Tuesday afternoon.

Ishaq said, "After hours of searching the forest, we saw the victims' bodies scattered around the bush. Their hands were tied from behind. Some had their throats slit, while others died from gunshots.

"As you can see, we brought them to the hospital for record purpose and for their families to officially claim their corpses."

Another member of the rescue team, Abba Idris, said, "The insurgents burnt the Isuzu vehicle used by the victims for the trip to Jawu forest."