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# Suicide bombers attack Maiduguri, kill 16

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(FILES) This file photo taken on June 08, 2017 shows armed members of a local defence group inspecting the damages of a suicide blast in Maiduguri. In 2013, thousands of young men formed a rag-tag militia and rounded up Boko Haram members in Maiduguri, northeast Nigeria, then handed them over to the military. Since then the ranks of the "vigilantes" have swollen to 20,000. / AFP PHOTO / -

## Kayode Idowu

The Boko Haram militant group has unleashed seven suicide bombers on Maiduguri, killing sixteen people, including the attackers.

Three of the suicide bombers attacked the University of Maiduguri where a security personnel died.

The details of the attacks on the town by the Boko Haram on Sunday (Eid-el-Fitri night)

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Addressing a press briefing in his office, Damien Chukwu said, “Yesterday (Sunday) 25th June 2017 at about 2221hrs. A male suicide bomber gained entry into the premises of the University of Maiduguri and detonated PBIED on his body near the Rapid Response Services’ office building.

“The suicide bomber died while three University security personnel on duty were injured.

“One of the injured security personnel, a female (whose identity was given as Becky Edubi), later died while being attended to at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.”

He added that “In another development at about 2230hrs same night. Four (4) female suicide bombers infiltrated Zannari community in Gwange general area of Jere local government area. Two (2) of the suicide bombers detonated PBIEDs on their bodies in two residential buildings.

The bombers died killing eight other persons while eleven people were injured.

“The third bomber detonated killing himself alone. The fourth female suicide bomber, identity not known, who was arrested also died the same night as a result of injuries she sustained.”

The Police Commissioner also revealed that: “Yet in another development, today (Monday) at about 0408hrs. Two (2) female suicide bombers detonated PBIEDs on their bodies within the premises of the University of Maiduguri.

“One detonated close to the Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition Centre Complex killing herself with no other casualty.

“The other suicide bomber detonated behind Works Department complex also killing herself with no other casualty.”

He said, “EOD/SARS and patrol teams were mobilised to the scenes,” disclosing that: “The dead and injured were evacuated to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.”