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Four Boko Haram suicide bombers kill 19 in Borno

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Attacks by suicide bombers in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital on Tuesday claimed 23 lives, the state Police Commissioner, Damien Chukwu, said on Wednesday.

Among those killed were 12 members of the Civilian JTF and the four suicide bombers who carried out the attacks.

The commissioner who briefed journalists at one of the scenes of the multiple attacks

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Chukwu said, "Twelve Civilian JTF members were killed in all the attacks and the rest were civilian victims."

He lamented that the seven civilians were killed when they gathered to mourn the death of the 12 Civilian JTF operatives.

He said, “The suicide bombers attacked the crowd of mourners, killing seven of them and leaving many injured.”

The Civilian JTF spokesman, Danbatta Bello, told journalists that the bombers targeted his colleagues on duty.

Bello said, “A teenage female suicide bomber actually crept to the sandbag post of our boys at Molai and before they could realise what was happening, she detonated the explosives on her body and killed three of our boys on guard.”

He said the incident happened simultaneously with another at a tea vendor’s joint where “seven of our members who took their time off to eat their dinner were killed.”

He added, “Another one happened not far away from where the first blast took place which killed one of our operatives trying to stop her. The fourth blast that happened at Jiddumeri also took the life of one of our operatives as well.

“We lost 12 of our operatives in all.”

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