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# Boko Haram suicide bombers attack Borno, kill 16

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Boko Haram suicide bombers attacked Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, on Sunday night, killing 16 persons.

The Borno State Commissioner of Police, Damien Chukwu, told journalists that the suicide attacks occurred in two locations in the city, including the Muna Garage area, which has become a notorious target for the insurgents.

A number of suicide attacks had taken place in Muna Garage in the past, which led to the death of a lot of people.

Apart from Muna Garage, the insurgents also attacked Muna Dalti on Sunday.

The message of the police commissioner read in part, “On 22-10-2017, at about 2020hrs, a male suicide bomber detonated an IED strapped to his body at Muna Garage, killing himself and 13 persons with five others injured.

“In another development at Muna Dalti, two female suicide bombers detonated same killing themselves and injuring 13 others.”

Chukwu said the injured persons were conveyed to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital for treatment while the corpses of the dead were removed from the scenes of the attacks.

He added, “The EOD and other police teams have been deployed to sanitise the (attack) scenes and environs.

“In all, 16 persons were killed while 18 others were injured in the three explosions.”