

Buhari mourns as suicide bombers kill 30 at Konduga viewing centre

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EDITORS NOTE: Graphic content / Red Cross officials attend to victims of a triple suicide bombing, which occurred outside a hall in Konduga, 38 kilometres (24 miles) from the Borno state capital Maiduguri, northeast Nigeria, on June 17, 2019. - Thirty people were killed late on June 16 in a triple suicide bombing in northeast Nigeria, emergency services reported, in an attack bearing the hallmarks of the Boko Haram jihadist group. Three bombers detonated their explosives outside a hall in Konduga, 38 kilometres (24 miles) from the Borno state capital Maiduguri, where football fans were watching a match on TV. (Photo by Audu Ali MARTE / AFP)

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President Muhammadu Buhari declared on Monday that those who attacked a viewing centre in Mandarari in Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State on Sunday would be punished by God.

About 30 persons were reportedly killed in multiple bomb blasts carried out by suspected Boko Haram members. 40 others were reportedly wounded.

Speaking with one of our correspondents on the phone, the Head of the Rescue Team of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency, Bello Dambatta, said suicide attacks by three females on Konduga left 30 persons and others injured and hospitalised. Dambatta said the attacks occurred simultaneously on Sunday at about 8pm.

According to a statement by Buhari's Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Mr Femi Adesina, "President Buhari decries the heinous acts, stressing that perpetrators of evil acts have judgment awaiting them, not only from man via the long arms of the law, but also from God Almighty."

Meanwhile, suspected Fulani herdsmen on Monday evening attacked Janibanibu village at the outskirts of Jalingo forcing residents to flee as tension rose in Jalingo, the Taraba State capital.

Rev. Fr. Cyriacus Kamai the Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist, Janibanibu, said, "Though the people have fled the area, the attackers burn down the whole village before the arrival of security agencies.

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"Their target is to attack Kona village as a follow up to what happened yesterday," he said.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP David Misal, who confirmed the attack said there was an attempt by bandits to attack the Nukkai area of Jalingo but men of the command and other sister security agencies repelled the attack, forcing the attackers to retreat.

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