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The death toll from Monday bomb explosion in Potiskum, Yobe State, has risen to 82, hospital sources said yesterday.

A suicide bomber, suspected to be a member of Boko Haram, had pushed through a procession of an Islamist group, Shi'a Muslim Brotherhood in Potiskum, a Yobe commercial town and thereafter, denoted explosive devices around Sofon' Kasuwa area, killing no fewer than 26 people, including the bomber.

While the Commissioner of Police in the state, Markus Danladi, said four people died and five were injured, the leader of the Shi'a group, Utaz Mustapha Lawan, put the casualty figure at 26, blaming soldiers, who shot sporadically after the blast, for the high casualty.

But hospital sources in Potiskum said 52 of the seriously injured victims died yesterday morning, bringing the total number of casualty to 82.

"About 56 other victims were also referred to Federal Medical Centre in Nguru for further treatment," a medical official told Daily Sun.

Meanwhile, members of the Shi'a Muslim Brotherhood yesterday buried their late members amid tears and wailing by many Potiskum residents.

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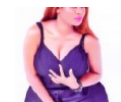
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