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### 7 injured

FROM DESMOND MGBOH, KANO

Six persons were killed yesterday in two bomb explosions detonated by two hijab-wearing female terrorists inside the famous Kwanti-Kwari Market in Kano State.

The victims included the two female bombers and four other persons believed to be traders. The explosions, which went off simultaneously, equally injured seven persons who were rushed to Nassarawa Specialist Hospital in the state capital.

Secretary of the Kanti- Kwari Market Association, Alhaji Abdullahi Abubakar, told *Daily Sun* that the tragedy happened at about 2.30 pm when traffic inside the market was heavy.

The Police Commissioner, Alhaji Adenerele Shinaba, who visited the scene, confirmed the death of six persons, noting that seven people were injured.

In his account of the twin explosions, he said: "What happened at that bank (pointing at a nearby commercial bank), we have policemen on guard duty there and two ladies in hijab went there. And when they wanted to enter the bank, the policemen accosted them, asking them of their mission. Of course, they saw them as people who have no business coming into the bank because of their age and because they were not the sort of people who were to have transactions in the bank.

"Following the quiz, they (the suicide bombers) moved away from the bank and..... They (the policemen) did not know their intentions and nobody knew their intentions. They were just wearing hijab.

"Thereafter, they moved to the market area and when they got there, they were asking people, where is the

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Gidan Wanka (Public utility) in the market," he said.

"So, they directed them towards the public utility. One of them was waiting for the second to finish and it was when one of the girls was entering the public utility that there was an explosion. And as soon as that blast went off, the second one equally did," said the commissioner.

On the death toll, he stated that, "so far, there were about six people with seven injured. The injured have all been taken to the hospital and the dead have been moved to the mortuary.

Shinaba said: "What we are doing right now is to cordon off the entire market so that people would not come under the pretext of sympathizing with the victims to start looting the market and the banks that are around here.

"We are putting in place adequate security to discourage people who would want to loot the market. We are working in conjunction with the market union executive," he noted.

He noted the anti-bomb unit of the police had been drafted to comb the market to ensure that the whole place is cleared. He said the situation was under control.

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