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No fewer than 15 people have been killed in another suicide attack at a motor park in Potiskum, Yobe State.

It was gathered that a suicide bomber, who disguised as a commuter yesterday, detonated explosive devices at Tashan Dan Borno motor park at about 11.45am.

Residents said the bomber, who alighted from a tricycle opposite the scene of the blast, walked into the busy motor park along Kano Road in Potiskum like other commuters unknown to many that he had a mission to accomplish.

"He boarded a waiting Toyota bus with registration number Kano XA952DBT like other passengers and few minutes later, a loud sound of explosion from the man," Ali Zakari, a commercial driver in Potiskum told Daily Sun on phone.

He said the suicide bomber set off the explosive devices in the park that was crowded at that period.

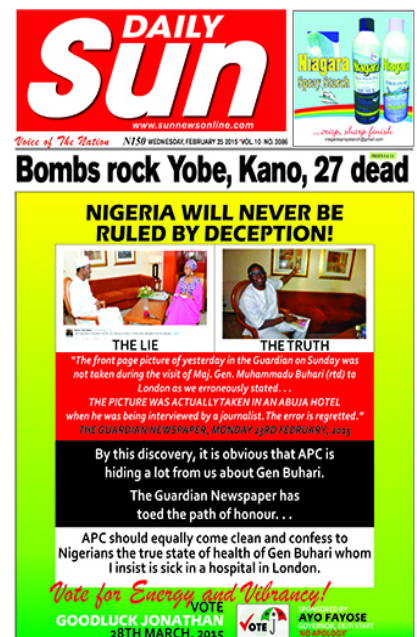
According to him, there was confusion in and around the park as soon as the bomb went off, adding that rescuers went to the scene some minute later to evacuate affected persons.

"I saw about 10 corpses being evacuated from the scene after the blast, while many people sustained injuries," he added.

A source at the Potiskum General Hospital said 15 dead bodies were deposited at the hospital yesterday afternoon while over 50 people were injured. Another medical personnel at the hospital expressed fear

that the casualty figure may rise "due to critical condition of some injured people."

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An explosion by a male Boko Haram bomber had also killed four at a restaurant while six were killed in similar blast near a politician's house, an indication that Boko Haram had stepped up bomb attacks in the restive town since late 2014.

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