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BY OUR REPORTER ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

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• 25 killed, 62 injured

From Timothy Olanrewaju, Maiduguri

SUSPECTED Boko Haram bombers attacked Borno town of Monguno hometown of the National Secu- rity Adviser (NSA), Maj. Gen. Babagana Monguno and also detonated explosives in Maiduguri, killing no fewer than 25 people while 62 were reportedly injured.

Monguno, about 135 kilometres to Maiduguri, was liberated from Boko Haram late February.

But Governor Kashim Shettima said only 18 people were killed in the twin explosions even as he described the attackers as 'lunatics'.

However, he assured the end of insurgency would soon come.

Survivors who sustained various degree of in- juries said the bomb attack occurred near a local market where onion are sold (Kasuwa Albasa) on Sunday evening. The second occurred few minutes later within the same area. They said about 30 people may have died in the blasts

"There were many people around the scene of the blast and we just heard the sound. This is what I can recall," one of the injured persons who identified himself as Ali told Daily Sun in Maiduguri on Monday. He said many people, mostly youths, usually relax at the onion market in the evening after trading activities have ended. He also said two critically injured people died before arriving the hospital.

Sources at the state Specialists Hospital, Maiduguri told Daily Sun those injured in the Monguno blasts were brought to the hospital in about five vehicles but were diverted to the University Teaching Hospital (UMTH). "Our facilities are over-stretched because we're still battling with the victims of the Ajilari-Gomari Sunday explosions in Maiduguri," a senior medical staff who did not want to be named, said.

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