

Female bomber kills scores in Maiduguri

• Insurgents slaughter 5 in Adamawa

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MULTIPLE explosions in Maiduguri killed scores of residents yesterday evening. The explosions were suspected to be from Boko Haram.

Heavy sounds were heard in some parts of Maiduguri on October 1. Though the Army said it was merely testing weapons for effective night operation, however, sources said multiple blasts occurred at Bulunkutu-Dalla area of the metropolis at about 7:30p.m.

A youth vigilante in the civilian JTF in the area, who asked not to be named told *Daily Sun* that a female bomber detonated explosive devices near a mosque, kill-

ing four on the spot.

Two other explosions were also recorded near the area. The area has recorded explosions, which killed 54 recently.

A source at the state Specialist Hospital said rescue workers "have started depositing corpses of the victims and the injured mostly women and children."

Another source said the insurgents took advantage of a military exercise in the area to carry out the dastardly act.

As Nigerians elsewhere celebrated the 55th independence anniversary, it was a bitter day for residents of Kirchinga, in Adamawa State, as Boko Haram visited and killed five people, leaving blood in their trail.

An online agency reported yesterday that the insurgents slit the throats of five residents in an early morning attack.

The village is the hometown of former acting governor of Adamawa State, Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri.

Kirchinga, a village in Madagali Local Government of Adamawa State, which shares border with the dreaded Sambisa forest, was one of the areas once annexed by Boko Haram insurgents last year.

It was, however, later cleared of terrorists after Boko Haram was routed by Nigerian troops in a counter insurgency operation.

A fleeing resident of the village, Ahmad Musa, told the news agency that the

insurgents struck the village at about 12:30am yesterday and started firing sporadic shots while razing buildings, making residents to flee into nearby bushes.

The resident said the insurgents slaughtered five trapped people, including three women and two men.

"We are now in deep sorrow," said Musa.

He also lamented how the insurgents had a field day and operated unchallenged for many hours due to complete absence of security personnel in the area.

Another resident of the area, John Apagwu, urged government to deploy more security personnel for us because as Nigerians, government owes us a duty to protect us."

Borno Christians converge for prayers