

Borno: 3 killed in foiled suicide bomb attack

THREE suspected female suicide bombers were killed while attempting to attack a military outpost near Muna Garage, on the outskirts of Maiduguri, in Borno State, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has said.

NEMA North-East Information Officer Mallam Abdulkadir Ibrahim, said in a statement issued in Maiduguri.

"On Wednesday, at 10:05pm, three suspected female teenage suicide bombers attempted to at-

tack a military outpost, popularly known as "Gontanamo," along Muna garage.

"They were sighted trying to gain access to the premises and were shot by the security agents on guard leading to the detonation of their concealed explosives.

"All three were killed in the explosion.

"A security personnel was also injured," Ibrahim said.

The information officer said the remains of the bombers has been evacuated by aid workers.

"The corpses were evacuated to Borno Specialist Hospital by NEMA and officials of the State Emergency Response team," he said.

The state Police Command also confirmed the report.

Mallam Murtala Ibrahim, the 2 1/c Police Public Relations Officer, gave the confirmation in a statement issued to newsmen in Maiduguri.

He said: "On Wednesday, at about 2245hrs, three female suicide bombers with Improvised Explosive Device (IED) strapped to their

bodies attempted to enter Maiduguri town.

"They were intercepted by security personnel on duty along Maiduguri/Mafa road, close to the gate of 195 battalion location.

"The three bombers detonated their IEDs, killing themselves only, while one soldier was said to have been injured.

"Police Anti Bomb Unit personnel have visited the scene and rendered it safe while normalcy has since been restored," the police spokesman said.