

# 10 killed, 48 injured in Maiduguri bombings

•NAF aircraft destroys Boko Haram's vehicle workshop

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The Nigeria Police Force have confirmed 10 people were killed and 48 others injured in twin suicide bombings in Maiduguri, capital of Borno State, yesterday.

Commissioner of Police, Borno Command, Damian Chukwu, said two male bombers intermingled with traders at Alai Fadau Market, a local market near Muna Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camp at the outskirts of the city at about 4:15pm on Wednesday.

"Two male bombers entered the market and detonated explosives. Ten people lost their lives. The two bombers also died. About 48 persons were injured and have been to two hospitals," Chukwu told newsmen at the scene.

The police boss said Boko Haram has not given up and urged residents to be vigilant.

Rescue workers, mostly from the Nigeria Red Cross, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) were seen evacuating those injured. Also, families and relations of the dead were picking their corpses, after clearance from the police, at the scene.

Yesterday's suicide bombing was the first this year, in a city that has experienced nearly 30 suicide attacks in two years.

Boko Haram has claimed responsibility of most of the bombings and attacks, including the Christmas Day offensive on the city when four people were killed.

Meanwhile a Nigerian Air Force (NAF) Remotely-Piloted Aircraft (RPA), on January 15 successfully destroyed an emerging Boko Haram Terrorists (BHT) vehicle workshop in Sambisa.

In a statement by NAF Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Vice Marshal, Olatokunbo Adesanya, a NAF Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform had previously discovered that BHT vehicles were parked in the location.

Consequently, a NAF RPA was detailed to conduct armed reconnaissance in search of BHT vehicles and terrorists around the location, which was apparently being used as a vehicle workshop.

"The RPA discovered that BHT motorcycles and vehicles, including a BHT Commander's vehicle were parked in the targeted area.

Additionally, several terrorists were seen moving intermittently within the targeted area.

The subsequent air strike by the NAF RPA resulted in the immediate destruction of the vehicles in the targeted location, killing all the BHTs inside it, as no survivors were seen scampering from the location after impact."