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Four Killed In New Explosion Near Mosque In Maiduguri

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At least four people have been killed and several others wounded due to a bomb explosion in Maiduguri on Friday.

A Maiduguri resident and eyewitness said the blast occurred near a local Mosque while people were finishing Friday prayers.

"There was a loud blast near the mosque just after the Friday prayers as people were trooping out of the mosque. Everybody scampered to safety, leading to a stampede," the resident said.

According to Lt. Colonel Hassan Mohammed, the Nigerian Joint Security Task Force Spokesman, no further details have yet been discovered.

"It's true there was a blast near Monday market while people were leaving the mosque. We don't have details yet," said Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Mohammed.

This blast comes as no surprise, as the Islamist sect Boko Haram has been raging serious war within this Northern Nigerian region, carrying out a string of explosions - killing and wounding hundreds along the way.

On Christmas day this year, the sect claimed responsibility for bombing a Catholic Church near Abuja, where at least 42 people were killed.

Threats of new attacks for the new year have also been made by the group, who is seeking to enforce Sharia, Islamic law, throughout all of Nigeria.

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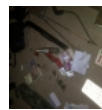
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