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Two female suicide bombers and another person were killed yesterday while 18 others were injured in twin bomb attacks near the Maiduguri Monday Market, Maiduguri, Borno State.

A witness, Mallam Modu Jere, said a suicide attack occurred about 8:45a.m. and was followed by the second one at the interval of two to three minutes. He said: "I was talking then I heard a loud sound.



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When I looked up, I saw some people shouting ‘look, it is a human leg’. I heard the second blast; then we started running into safety. After some time, I came back and saw the pieces of the bodies of two female suicide bombers with another body on the ground, while sympathisers were busy evacuating the injured ones.

“To be sincere, I saw one corpse and pieces of female suicide bombers. But I cannot tell you how many people were injured, as they were evacuated to the hospital.”

While briefing Governor Kashim Shettima at the scene of the blast, the state Commissioner of Police, Damien Chukwu, said the suicide attacks were carried out by two women at two close spots, both outside the Maiduguri Monday Market before 10a.m.

He added that one person died at the scene while 18 persons sustained various degrees of injury. Meanwhile, Shettima has summoned officials of all markets, motor parks, shopping complexes, football fields and other places of public gathering in Maiduguri, for an emergency security meeting with heads of security agencies and the Civilian JTF.

The meeting, which is expected to take place today at the Government House in Maiduguri, was in response to suicide attacks. He said: “Tomorrow (today), we will be having an

emergency security meeting involving management of all the markets, motor parks, shopping centres, football fields and other attack-prone areas and we will invite the Civilian JTF and of course our security officials so that we cross-pollinate ideas and come up with some new measures that will strengthen our



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