

# Boko Haram pays girls N200 to detonate bombs

**A**n 18-year-old Boko Haram suicide bomber, Amina, has revealed that she and others were given N200 to detonate explosives.

Amina was intercepted by men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) yesterday in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, while on the deadly mission.

The suicide bomber said she was abducted

two years ago by the sect members in Madagali, Adamawa State and taken to Sambisa forest, the stronghold of the terrorist group.

"They gave us N200 each which they said we should use to buy food for ourselves. It took us three days to come to Maiduguri on a motorcycle. We were directed by the sect members to detonate our explosives anywhere we saw any form of gathering.

"They said if we press

the button, the bomb would explode and we will automatically go to heaven.

"I was scared. So, I told them that I could not detonate any explosive. So they said if Zainab detonated her own, it would serve the purpose.

"On our way to Maiduguri, we encountered the military and they were shooting. I was very scared and the people that brought us ran away.

"I am from Imam Shekau's faction of Boko Haram, even though I have never seen Shekau. But I hear about him in Gobarawa," Amina told the *New Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Maiduguri.

She said that her father, mother and younger brother, Umar, were all killed when they tried to escape from the Boko Haram enclave where they

were held hostage.

Amina said: "We came from Gobarawa along Damboa, Madagali and Algarno axis, in a community where a lot of us were held hostage and married off by the sect members.

"I am also married to a Boko Haram Commander known as Amir."

The NSCDC Commandant in Borno, Abdullahi Ibrahim, said the command had handed over the suspect to the Garrison Commander, 7 Division of the Nigerian Army, Maiduguri, "for proper investigation."

The Theatre Commander, Operation Lafiya Dole, Maiduguri, Maj. Gen. Lucky Irabor, confirmed that the suspect was in custody of the Army, and that she would undergo investigation.

"We are going to profile her as she would give

us the lead to get to other insurgents," Irabor said.

The NSCDC had earlier intercepted two female suicide bombers, who tried to ram into motorists at the NNPC Mega Station along Damboa Road, Maiduguri.

The Commandant of the corps, Ibrahim Abdul-lahi, said that the incident occurred at about 6:45 a.m.

"Our personnel at the NNPC station intercepted two female suicide bombers who were targeting motorists on the long queue at the NNPC mega petrol station at about 6:45a.m.

"One of the bombers got scared and threw away her bomb and was instantly arrested, while the other one began to run after people with her explosive. Luckily, she was shot on the leg by our personnel after he chased her to a safe place," Ibrahim said.

The police confirmed that security agents foiled yesterday's suicide attack by Boko Haram terrorists.

Mr. Victor Isuku, spokesman for the Borno Police Command, disclosed this in a statement in Maiduguri.

"On Tuesday, at about 07:00hrs, two female suicide bombers, about 18 years old, were sighted behind Mega filling station in Molai area, while attempting to infiltrate Maiduguri town.

"They were intercepted by security personnel on duty. One was arrested and the other one was shot dead," he said.

Isuku added that the police anti-bomb unit had visited the scene to secure the area and ensure safety.

"Bomb experts were quickly drafted to the scene and rendered the area safe," he said.

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