

16 Killed in Multiple Suicide Attacks on Borno Village

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Michael Olugbode in Maiduguri

Sixteen persons have been killed in multiple suicide attacks on a Maiduguri suburb, the police confirmed Monday.

The spokesman of the Nigeria Police in Borno State, Victor Isuku, stated in a press release that four female suicide bombers besieged Kofa, a settlement in Konduga Local Government Area of the troubled state, wreaking havoc.

He said the suicide bombers killed themselves and 12 other persons in the explosions that also got 11 others injured at a settlement for internally displaced persons (IDPs), about eight kilometres from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital and birthplace of the Boko Haram insurgency.

The statement said: "Multiple suicide bomb attacks happened yesterday Sunday 18/6/2017, at about 2030hrs, four female suicide bombers detonated IEDs strapped to their bodies in Kofa community, which is about 8km from Maiduguri town and situated along Maiduguri- Konduga road.

"The first suicide bomber her bomb detonated near a mosque, killing seven persons. The second detonated in a house killing five persons, while two other suicide bombers detonated within the same vicinity, killing themselves only.

"A total of 16 persons including the four suicide bombers died, while eleven persons sustained injuries and were rushed to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

"EOD team was mobilised to the scene and normalcy has since been restored."

Another statement issued by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), North-east said: "At about 8.45 p.m. two female suicide bombers were intercepted when they tried to gain access into Dalori 2 IDP camp.

"Two other female suicide bombers also detonated their explosives at the adjoining Dalori kofa village at about 8.10 p.m., where they killed 16 people.

"A total of four suicide bombers were involved in the incident. Injured victims have been administered with first aid and transported to hospitals within Maiduguri for treatment."