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# Anti-bomb cop dies in Kaduna twin bomb explosions

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By Luka Binniyat

KADUNA – A twin bomb blast tore through Kaduna yesterday, killing a policeman and injured a Senior Special Adviser to the governor, Col. Dangana Maman (rtd). The first one went off at Ungwar Sarki Market, Kaduna North Local Government of Kaduna State at about 11:30am yesterday. Ten minutes later, another blast occurred about 500m away, under a busy overhead pedestrian bridge instantly killing a policeman, Sergeant Sunday Badang, an anti- bomb specialist who was trying to defuse the bomb.

The first explosion took place opposite the Kaduna state Transport Authority, KSTA,

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“The fragment (of the IED) affected two other persons near the scene. They were rushed to 44 Army Reference Hospital, Kaduna, for treatment and the victims are in stable condition. The area was equally swept by the police anti-bomb squad and no other explosive device was detected. Equally we have beefed up security in the entire state and members of the public are advised to report any suspicious object to security agencies and to avail us with credible information that will nip in the bud, these criminalities.”

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Meanwhile, soldiers and policemen had a hectic time in trying to control a large crowd of curious people under the bridge just as most banks in the Kaduna metropolis closed abruptly to customers at 2 p.m. following the two bomb blasts that occurred in the city.

Eye witnesses told Vanguard at the scene of the explosion that shortly after the first bomb exploded, another polythene bag containing some objects was discovered under the bridge.

One of the eye witnesses, Mallam Sani Ali said: "After the first explosion, policemen and soldiers were attracted to a polythene bag kept under this bridge. Those who saw the first explosion at the market side said it came from a similar bag.

"The deceased policeman asked the soldiers to leave the place to enable him scan the polythene bag but as he placed his instrument on the bag, it exploded and killed him, prompting people to run away."

The body of the policeman was still lying on the main road with more than half of his body parts scattered all around the places, as at the time Vanguard visit there, even as schools, banks and shops were being closed in the area.

About three weeks ago, multiple explosions hit one at an Army formations in which the lone bomber was killed in his explosive laden vehicle.

Meanwhile, some bank customers told NAN that the the closure of the banks would affect their businesses.

"We cannot carry or leave large sum in our shops."

Mr Emeka Agu, a trader, expressed disappointment at the development, saying that the blasts did not take place near commercial or business areas.

Banks along Yakubu Gowon Way, Ahmadu Bello road and Bank road among other business areas, stopped attending to customers at 2 p.m.

Mr Beji Auta, a security man at the First Bank, noted that the bank stopped rendering services for undisclosed reasons, but guessed that it was intended to ensure safety of customers' deposits.

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Well, we give to Almighty Allah for making the number of death less this time around. We pray for the soul of Sgt. Badang to rest in peace. May his blood judge those behind the brutal killings in Nigeria. The Boko Haram groups will In-Shal-Allahu never know peace and their families. Amina-Yaroobi.

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Whiteman

If Boko Haram want nuclear weapons, launch a couple in their direction. Don't be so stingy! Share the wealth!

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Ide4u

I watched the video and its not only sad but pathetic. The Police authorities diverted the money budgeted for motorized robotic bomb scanners into their private pockets while risking the lives of this bomb disposal units with hand held scanners. YOU DO NOT APPROACH AN EXPLOSIVE WITH A HAND HELD SCANNER. 99% OF THOSE WHO TRIED GOT BLOWN OFF!! May his soul rest in peace!!

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Nigerian Police need more training on Bomb dissposal and handling. It is a pity he died but other should learn from his mistake

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One hopes that late Badang's family will receive adequate compensation given that he died in active service.

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RIP Sire.....I hope sanusi will compensate him.

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What is worrying about the present insecurity in Nigeria is the precision and sophistication of the bombings. One begins to wonder if these bombers are really home grown.

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