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Explosions rock Bauchi church as 4

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By Suzan Edeh

Bauchi — A twin bomb explosions rocked Gudun Hausawa and Zango areas in Bauchi Metropolis, Wednesday night, even as four persons were set ablaze in a bus attack in Gwatukuru near Dass.

Vanguard learnt that one of the explosions destroyed the pulpit of the COCIN Church in Zango and a building near the church while the second explosion destroyed a fence in Gudum Sayawa. There were no casualties in both explosions.

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Vanguard learnt that the bomb planted in the pulpit of the COCIN church in Zango exploded at about 9pm Tuesday, almost at the same time with the one that exploded in Gudum Hausawa.

The man whose house was adjacent to the church in Zango was affected said he saw two men on motorcycle who came to the church that night but thought they were members of the church on patrol.

“The explosion occurred few minutes after they left, taking the two security men in the church by surprise,” the man who pleaded anonymity told *Vanguard*.

No life was lost in the two explosions but the Chairman of the Christian Association of

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Nigeria (CAN), Reverend Lawi Pokti said the development had sent fear and panic among residents particularly Christians in the state.

Pokti called on Christians to remain calm and watch what they say and not imitate “this increasing evil and wickedness” just as he appealed to the security operatives to be proactive in handling the current insecurity in the state.

4 die in bus attack

Meanwhile, some people suspected to be Fulani herdsmen have attacked a bus killing four people, yesterday, in Gwatukuru village near Dass Local Government Area in Bauchi State.

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Nine people were seriously injured after the bus with number plate AA 82 TFB belonging to the Seyawa Council of Elders and Traditional Rulers was set ablaze.

Mr Bukata Zyadi, Secretary of the Sayawa Council of Elders, said the victims were burnt to ashes while the injured had been taken to hospitals in Plateau State and some in Dass.

He said four of the injured were rushed to Jos, five are undergoing surgery in Dass General Hospital, seven in emergency unit in Dass general hospital emergency unit while two are safe.

Zyadi said the attack was carried out by the “Hausa-Fulani people, one of their normal

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attacks that have been happening almost on a daily basis in Tafawa Balewa and Bogoro Local Government Area.”

He said peace would continue to elude the area because the state government has shown bias and that “security has completely broken down as the presence of the JTF in the area has not stopped the killings.”

But Honourable Amin Tukur, a spokesman of the Fulani in the area condemned the recent killing saying that as a responsible citizen, whosoever is believed to have carried out the killings stands to be condemned.

