

Female suicide bomber followed fuel tanker in Maiduguri blast – Miliatry

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MAIDUGURI – According to a press statement from Deputy Director Army Relations of the 7 Division of ‘Operation Lafiya Dole, Col. Mustapha Anka, said eight people died in the twin explosion.

The statement reads; “At about 7.05am this morning, there were twin simultaneous suicide bomb explosions at the entrance of Bakassi Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp and NNPC Mega Filling Station, Damboa Road, Maiduguri.



“At the Bakassi IDPs camp, a suspected female suicide bomber ran into group of men and women at the entrance while they were coming out of the camp, killing 5 men and injured 11 women.

The bodies of the dead men and the injured women have been evacuated.

“At the NNPC, a female suicide bomber followed a fuel tanker in Keke NAPEP tricycle with the sole aim of gaining entry to cause maximum damage and casualty but was prevented from gaining access to the station by another

File Photo: Gombe presidential rally Car-Bomb-Blast in 2014

vehicle. In that process, the suicide bomber exploded killing the 3 occupants of the tricycle. No reported injured persons at this instance.

“Troops and security agencies have been mobilised and the injured have been evacuated while efforts are on going to comb the general area as well as entries and exits of Maiduguri.

“While we commiserate with the families of the late victims of this cruel act and wish those injured speedy recovery, we would like to assure the public that efforts are on going to track those behind the dastardly acts. However, it is equally

important to reiterate the need for more vigilance and security consciousness among all. Citizens are enjoined to report any suspicious persons or movements to the security agencies". Anka said.

He however said, the Acting GOC 7 Division, Brigadier General Victor Uzugwu have already visited the place and assured the people to be calm as concerted efforts towards safety of lives and property