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**FEMALE SUICIDE BOMBINGS**  
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**Location:** Borno State, North-East, Nigeria.  
**Issue:** The Increasing Use of Female Suicide Bombers in Northern Nigeria  
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<p><b>Population:</b> Borno State has a population of 4213104 people including 2163358 males and 2057746 females (2006 population-census/ population-growth).</p> <p><b>Basic Demography and Geography of Hotspots:</b></p>	<p><b>Direct Actors:</b> Female suicide bombers, Boko Haram group</p> <p><b>Affected Persons:</b> Residents of the community, Traders, Commuters.</p>	<p>Nigeria recorded its first case of female suicide bombing on June 8, 2014. This involved a middle-aged woman, who detonated an explosive device (IED) strapped to her body at a Military barracks in Gombe State, killing herself and one Military personnel. Since that period, the frequency of suicide missions carried out mainly by women and young teenage girls on soft targets has heightened, with intense suspicions and debates among Nigerians on the tradition of wearing hijab by Muslim women and girls, as IEDs were often concealed under</p>

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