

At Least 21 Killed in Bomb Attack on Shia Muslims in Nigeria



Abuja, November 28 (RHC)-- More than 20 people have been killed in a bomb attack targeting Shia Muslims during an annual religious procession in the northern Nigerian state of Kano.

On Friday, a bomber detonated his explosives among a crowd of Shia Muslims participating in a march organized by followers of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria in Dakasoye village south of Kano, the capital of the province with the same name.

Organizers of the procession said several people were also injured in the attack which happened days before Shias in Nigeria commemorate Arbaeen, the 40th day since the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussein -- an important religious event.

An eyewitness to the attack said the assailant "was dressed in black like everyone else. His accomplice was initially arrested and confessed they were sent by Boko Haram."

Boko Karam has not claimed responsibility for the attack, but Nigerian officials usually blame the Takfiri terror group for such assaults.

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