

Nigeria: Specialists demand higher security measures at gas stations in fear of terrorist attacks

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After a number of attacks on civilians and increased social unrest, security experts believe Muhammadu Buhari's Federal Government should increase security measures in key strategic points such as petrol stations.

Addressing national media, Executive Secretary of the Centre for Crisis Communication (CCC), Air Commodore Yusuf Anas, spoke of Boko Haram's recent suicide bomb attacks as a desperate campaign to instill fear among people.

He also said national security measures had to be strengthened, such as "banning the sale of petroleum on the streets and sensitive locations by black marketers."

"Extra security measures (are needed) in gas stations, schools, malls, recreational areas, hotels, markets and motor parks across the country, and increased inter-agency collaboration. Some available information indicates that terrorists can make use of vulnerable points, as they are always exploring soft targets," he explained.

Gas stations have been a common target for Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram. In June 25 last year, a female suicide bomber failed to ignite a gasoline tanker in Lagos after she blew herself up next to it, while on November 14 six people died in a Boko Haram suicide attack at a filling station in Northern city Kano.