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AFRICA/NIGERIA - New explosions in the north; for the Bishops, "either one learns to live in peace or one perishes in violence"

Abuja (Agenzia Fides) – Still explosions in northern Nigeria attributed to the Boko Haram sect. On 18 December in Malikali, on the outskirts of Kaduna, capital of the State, at least one person died and several others were injured in the explosion of a clandestine explosive device belonging to the sect. In addition to the building where the illegal lab was hidden, several other surrounding buildings were destroyed. On the same day, police discovered another hidden structure for the production of bombs in the city of Kano, capital of the State, where, according to the Nigerian security services, the Boko Haram sect moved its headquarters, until now located in Maiduguri, capital of Borno State. Right here on December 17 three members of the sect died in the accidental explosion of the device they handled.
Faced with the continuing wave of attacks, the Nigerian Bishops have launched an appeal asking the population to live in peace and harmony because, otherwise, they risk "of dying because of violence and mutual destruction". The appeal is contained in the statement of the Administrative Council of the Episcopal Conference of Nigeria, which met on December 9 in the federal capital, Abuja. "We cannot but recognize the urgent need for reconciliation, justice and peace in the face of dramatic challenges to the security in our Country. As has been repeated often, Nigerians must learn to live together in peace, or they will die because of violence and mutual destruction". (L.M.) (Agenzia Fides 20/12/2011)

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