

Borno attack claims two soldiers, Zamfara IED blast kills six

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At least 11 persons have been confirmed dead following a wave of coordinated attacks involving terrorists and armed gunmen in Borno, Zamfara, and Plateau states, with several others injured in the separate incidents.

In Borno State, two soldiers were killed when ISWAP fighters attacked a military Forward Operating Base in Magumeri, while troops said they repelled the assault and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers.

In Zamfara State, an Improvised Explosive Device explosion along the Bagega–Anka road killed six persons and injured six others, while separate military operations in the state left two suspected terrorists dead.

In Plateau State, police operatives killed one suspected kidnapper during a gun duel in Mangu Local Government Area, further underscoring the escalating insecurity across the affected regions.

Confirming the attack on the FOB in a statement on Thursday, the Media Information Officer, Joint Taskforce North-East Operation Hadin Kai, Lt Col Sani Uba, said the terrorists had attempted to infiltrate the location but were repelled by troops who also neutralised scores of the insurgents.

Uba, however, explained that the terrorist group recorded minor breaches on an isolated section of the camp.

He said, “Troops of the Joint Task Force (North-East) Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), in the early hours of 7 May 2026, successfully contained an attack by ISWAP terrorists on Forward Operating Base (FOB) Magumeri under Sector 3.

“The terrorists attempted to infiltrate the location under poor visibility. Although the terrorists recorded minor breaches on an isolated section of the camp.

“Impressively, troops fought gallantly and decisively contained and defeated the attack by neutralising scores of the terrorists.”

He stated that further exploitation of the general area revealed extensive blood trails, body drags, and the recovery of terrorist corpses, confirming the heavy casualties inflicted on the attackers during the failed assault.

He said troops also recovered a large cache of arms and ammunition from the fleeing terrorists, including PKT automatic anti-aircraft guns, AK-47 rifles, and magazines.

“Regrettably, two gallant soldiers paid the supreme price in the course of the battle, while an officer and other wounded personnel are currently stable and receiving appropriate medical attention,” he stated.

He further added that some equipment was damaged by fire during the engagement, as well as temporary structures, which caught fire during the intense battle.

“Troops are currently conducting exploitation operations within the general area to further consolidate gains from the successful encounter, while efforts to ascertain additional battle damage assessment continue,” Uba said.

The Zamfara blast, which targeted a commercial vehicle, occurred amid growing insecurity in the area following recent clashes between security forces and armed groups.

Local eyewitnesses had initially reported a higher casualty figure, claiming nine persons were killed in the explosion. However, the Zamfara State police command officially confirmed that six persons lost their lives, while six others were injured.

The injured victims were immediately evacuated to a nearby hospital, where they are currently receiving treatment.

Residents said the Bagega axis has remained under severe tension since last week’s bandit attack on a military base near the village, which triggered intensified military operations in surrounding communities.

According to locals, fear has gripped villages in the area, forcing travellers to depend on military escorts for movement along the road due to persistent threats.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Yazid Abubakar, said the command swiftly deployed its Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit to the scene.

“The EOD team was immediately mobilised to the affected location where they carried out a thorough sweep of the area to detect and neutralise any secondary explosive devices,” he said.

He added that the road has since been rendered safe for public use after the clearance operation.

Two terrorists killed

Troops of Sector 2 under Operation Fansan Yamma intensified their offensive against terrorist groups in Zamfara State, killing two suspected terrorists and recovering weapons during a series of coordinated clearance operations.

The military disclosed that the operation was carried out in the early hours of May 4, 2026, targeting identified terrorist enclaves across parts of Talata Mafara and Maradun Local Government Areas.

According to a statement issued on Thursday by the Media Information Officer of the Joint Task Force (North West), Lt Col Aliyu Danja, the operation covered Maikwanuga village in Talata Mafara LGA, as well as Aljumma, Gidan Dawa, Magami Didi and Tungar Magaji villages in Maradun LGA.

He said troops encountered armed terrorists at Tungar Magaji village and responded with superior firepower.

“During the advance, troops engaged terrorists in Tungar Magaji with overwhelming firepower, neutralising two terrorists and forcing others to flee in disarray,” Danja stated.

He added that following the encounter, troops conducted a thorough search of the area and recovered one AK-47 rifle loaded with 30 rounds of ammunition as well as a motorcycle.

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The military explained that the operation forms part of ongoing efforts to dismantle terrorist hideouts within the Bagega–Sunke forest corridor and restore peace to affected communities.

Police kill kidnapper

One suspected kidnapper was killed, and an AK-47 rifle was recovered after armed men attacked a police team in Chantal Village, Gindiri District of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State on Wednesday.

The command’s spokesman, Alabo Alfred, confirmed the attack and killing in a statement on Thursday.

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The statement read: "As part of efforts put in place by the Plateau State police command to curb crime and criminality, the command has successfully neutralised a suspected kidnapper and recovered a firearm in Mangu Local Government Area.

"On 6th May, 2026, at about 5:30pm, while on the trail of criminal elements at Chungal Village, Gindiri District, Mangu LGA, police detectives attached to Gindiri Division were attacked by a gang of armed criminals led by one Ibrahim Abdullahi, a notorious suspect known for terrorising citizens in Gindiri and its environs.

"Our team immediately responded professionally, and a gun duel ensued between them. In the process, one of the suspects was neutralised, while the other suspects have been arrested.

"One of the suspects who sustained a fracture on his leg while trying to escape was taken to the hospital, where he is currently receiving medical attention.

"Exhibits recovered from the suspects include one AK-47 rifle loaded with sixteen (16) rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition and one Redmi Phone belonging to one of their victims."

The statement said the case had since been transferred to the Violent Crimes Response Unit for "discreet investigation," adding that the suspects would be charged in court upon conclusion.