

# Suicide bomber kills five soldiers in Borno

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A suicide bomber has reportedly killed five soldiers in the Pulka area of Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State.

The incident, which occurred on Sunday, was reported by local media platforms.

The **suicide bomber, suspected** to be a member of the Boko Haram terrorist group, was thought to have come from their hideout in the Mandara mountains.

Pretending to be a passerby, the terrorist detonated the bomb close to the soldiers at a checkpoint, killing five.

The military has yet to speak about the development at the time of filing this report.

However, Christopher Musa, the Minister of Defence, recently ordered the withdrawal of soldiers from road checkpoints and their redeployment into the bush to directly confront terrorists.

The retired army general said the deployment of soldiers to the bush and leaving the police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to take over checkpoint duties is one of his key strategies for tackling insurgency in the nation.

Sunday's incident occurred hours after PREMIUM TIMES reported how several civilians were killed, allegedly by Nigerian Air Force airstrikes, at the Daban Masara area of Kukawa Local Government Area of the state.

The victims included drivers who went to the area to transport fish.

The latest local media report put the number of victims at five, all drivers, with their vehicles also destroyed.

It said the three gun trucks belonging to insurgents were also destroyed.

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operational directives.

This was before the military also repelled an attack on the Mairari Military Base in Borno, killing some terrorists.

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In remarks made on Monday, Mr Musa stated that the operational capacity of terrorist groups, bandits, and other criminal elements had been significantly degraded across multiple theatres.

Mr Musa said this at the Chief of Army Staff, COAS, Annual Conference 2025, which was held at Nebo Hall, Abalti Barracks, Lagos State.

The minister said that the gains reflected the courage of troops, improved planning and execution, as well as the growing impact of coordinated operations conducted within a joint and multi-agency framework.