

3 Soldiers Killed In IED Explosion, Buried In Sokoto

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Three Nigerian soldiers who lost their lives to suspected Improvised Explosive Device have been buried in Sokoto State.

The soldiers died on Saturday, June 21, when an IED suspected to have been planted by bandits exploded under their vehicle during security operations in Isa Local Government Area, a border LGA notorious for bandit attacks.

The troops were on a clearance patrol to protect farming communities when the device detonated according to military sources. Their deaths have plunged their families, colleagues, and residents of Isa into mourning.

Governor Ahmed Aliyu, represented at the funeral prayers by his Deputy, Engr. Idris Muhammad Gobir, condoled with the Nigerian Army and the families of the deceased while commending the soldiers' sacrifice.

"They lost their lives in the line of duty while protecting the lives and property of the community from the threat of criminal elements. "We pray that Allah forgives them, grants them Aljannatul Firdaus, and gives their families and the military the fortitude to bear this loss," Gobir said.

Gobir pledged the government's continued support for troops battling banditry in the North-West. He reaffirmed the state government's commitment to supporting security agencies: "The Sokoto State Government continues to stand with our security personnel in the fight against insurgents and bandits. We will keep providing the necessary support to ensure peace returns to our border communities."