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Maiduguri — ONE suspected Boko Haram member was yesterday shot dead by members of the Joint Task Force (JTF) when he engaged them in a shoot out at Gomari Coastin ward of the Maiduguri Metropolitan Council.



Speaking to newsmen at the scene of the incident, Lt. Col. Hassan Mohammed narrated that at 3:30 pm when his men were on a routine duty at Gomari Coastin, they sighted a red Honda Civil car with a registration No. Kano AG 66 GWL pulling up at the JTF patrol vehicle.. He stated the JTF man noticed that that the driver was carrying a riffle and he shouted "armed robber".

Lt. Col Hassan said that when the suspect recognized that he has been sighted, he opened fire on the two patrol vehicles of the JTF, shattering the glasses of one of the vehicle, while the tyres of the other vehicle were badly damaged.

He said the Boko Haram suspects were two in the car, while the man who engaged the JTF was killed the other occupant fled and was pursued but disappeared as the terrain was not



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accessible, adding that the riffle the suspect used was the military type but cut to size, so as to be hidden easily

He said"You see how these people are attacking us and yet people accuse us of intimidation and killings. The JTF is not out to kill the Boko Haram members but to

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arrest them and hand them over to police for prosecution,

except those who engage us in a shoot out and are killed in the process."

Items recovered from the suspect includes 1 AK47 riffle, a driver license bearing the name Babagana from Ummarari ward of Maiduguri Metropolitan council and issued in Kano as well as a vehicle particulars .

He clarified that the JTF are not in Maiduguri to assault or kill anybody but to restore peace to the good people of Borno state, urging the people to work with the soldiers to restore peace and sanity to the state.

The JTF also appealed to people that fled Maiduguri to return to the town to carry out their business, claiming that peace was gradually returning to Maiduguri.

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