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Nigeria: Bomb Blasts Hit Maiduguri Again - Six Killed

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It was another day of explosions in Maiduguri, Borno State yesterday, as at least six persons were confirmed dead following early morning multiple bomb blasts in Shehuri north area of Maiduguri.

Public Relations Officer of Joint Military Task Force (JTF), Lieutenant Colonel Hassan Mohammed in a statement made available to the media, said the six persons may have been slaughtered by people suspected to be Boko Haram members.

He said the JTF believes the killings could be as a result of a division amongst the sect members.

The JTF said the bombs were Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, adding that some of the unexploded IEDs have been defused by the taskforce.

Meanwhile, the Borno State Police Command has debunked a story published in some national dailies that a "soldier and policemen were killed in fresh Borno attacks".

In a press release signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Samuel Tizhe, said the correct version of the event was that, "on 30th January, 2012 at about 19:30 hours, three unknown gunmen attacked the house of one Abubakar Gaji of Old Gomari Airport few metres away from the mini- Airforce Barracks in Maiduguri and shot two people.

Tizhe said the gunmen who were yet to be identified snatched a Honda Accord car with registration number AR 428 MAG, and while on their way out of the area, shot dead a man in mufti alleged to be military personnel who resided in the mini - Airforce barracks.

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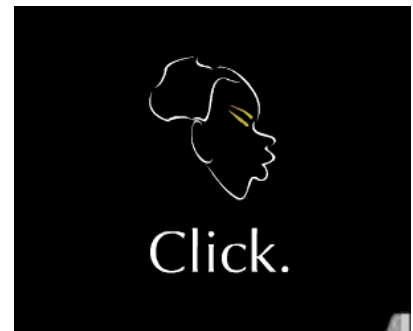
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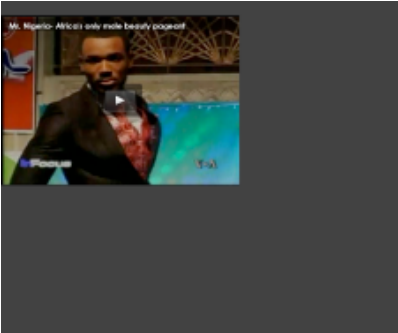
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