

JTF kills Boko Haram leader, arrest 2

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THE Joint Task Force (JTF)) has killed a prominent member of the Boko Haram sect and arrested two others in an encounter at Customs Bridge, Customs Area of the Maiduguri metropolis.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Maiduguri, the spokesman of the JTF, Lt. Col Sagir Musa, said at about by 00am, his men had an encounter with the sect member at the Customs Bridge of the metropolis.

He said one tricycle popularly known as *Keke NPEP*, 20 rounds of ammunitions were recovered from the sect members.

In a related development, there was an explosion in Goidamgari Bayan Quarters of the Maiduguri

metropolis but no casualty was recorded, as the bomb exploded at about 2:00am Friday.

The spokesman of the JTF said an Improvised Explosive Device (IEDs) exploded at Goidamgari Bayan Quarters at about 2:00am which drew the attention of the Force patrol team to the scene. He said there, the JTF operatives recovered and detonated two IEDs.

A resident of the area said the residents heard gun shots which lasted for over an hour, and which made them to lose sleep.

Said he: "Yesterday (Friday), we couldn't sleep because of gunshots which we believe was a shoot-out between the sect members and the JTF. I even thought it would be difficult for us to even see the next day but thank God we were safe".