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Suspected Boko Haram militant dies in gunfight with task force

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A suspected member of the Boko Haram sect has been shot dead in Maiduguri during a gun battle with members of the Military Joint Task Force (JTF) on Operation Restore Order (ORO).

The whole thing started with a bomb blast close to where our troop was stationed in Gwange in the evening, JTF spokesman Lt. Col. Hassan Mohammed told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Friday.

"But while our men were observing the scene, some suspected Boko Haram militants began firing rapidly at them," Mohammed said.

He added that the JTF returned the fire and engaged the group in a gun duel that lasted for several minutes.

"We were able to get one of the militants after a long crossfire, but other members of the group summoned courage and took his body away.

"Sadly, a civilian was injured during the crossfire," Mohammed said.

He explained that the injured civilian had been admitted at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) for treatment.

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