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Soldiers kill many in Maiduguri - JTF: It's not true

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Soldiers went on the rampage in Maiduguri on Saturday evening, killing many people and burning homes, market stalls and vehicles shortly after an explosion at the Budun market injured three military men, according to residents of the area.

But the Joint Task Force in charge of security operations in the Borno

capital denied any killing or arson, saying there was no human casualty in the blast except the three wounded soldiers and that the explosive device was responsible for the fire.

Daily Trust could not independently confirm the level of the damage or the number of the dead but security men blocked the road leading to the market area yesterday.

In their account of the Saturday incident, the military said suspected Boko Haram sect followers threw an explosive device in front of a moving patrol vehicle near the palace of the Shehu of Borno, injuring three of the soldiers in the vehicle.

But witnesses said soon after the bomb went off, the JTF men began shooting indiscriminately, creating a pandemonium in the market. At least 44 people are either dead or are missing as a result of the military operation that followed the blast, the witnesses said.

Badigma Bukar said over 50 shops, makeshift stalls and many vehicles belonging to traders and their customers were burnt at the market area.

"When the bomb went off, it affected a nearby transformer which is several metres away from the market," he said. "But minutes later, many shops went up in flames."

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The Associated Press news agency also quoted Bukar, whose arm was injured in the attack, as that he saw eight dead bodies after the explosion.

Another witness, Kaka Nuhu Kaleri, told journalists that after the blast, “we all fled for safety and the dust calmed down, we came out and saw some soldiers on the ground, in a pool of blood many JTF vehicles appeared and the soldiers started shooting indiscriminately.”

The BBC Hausa also quoted Kaleri yesterday as saying that some people were burnt to death cars and that the soldiers also set fire to virtually all homes in the neighbourhood.

A worker at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorised to speak to the media, told Daily Trust that five dead bodies were taken to the hospital for treatment.



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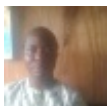
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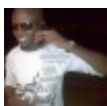
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the hospital morgue from the Budun market.

But spokesman for the JTF Lieutenant-Colonel Hassan Mohammed told Daily Trust that no civilian was affected by the blast and denied the claims that over 40 people were killed by the JTF members who raided the market in search of the bombers.

"It is unthinkable to say that 44 people were killed by the JTF in Budun. This is an outright lie," he said.

"Forty four is not a small number and I don't think if the people making the allegation are in their right mind. All the soldiers that we have on ground are professionals and we are here to make peace but members of the Boko Haram don't want to allow the people to live in peace. They are responsible for the bombing," he said.

He added that the soldiers did not burn any shop or vehicle. "The impact of the bomb was responsible for all the damages at the market and not soldiers," he said.

Mohammed said no arrest was made in respect of the Budun incident, "but some residents are voluntarily providing information to us."

However, the Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati Wal Jihad, popularly known as Boko Haram, yesterday denied responsibility for the Saturday bombing, alleging that there was a grand plan to kill them.

Spokesman for the group Abu Zaid, who spoke by telephone, said, "We are not responsible for the bombing in Budun but I want to draw your attention that there is a grand conspiracy by some people to attack markets, hospitals and mosques and then attribute the havoc to us."

"Of what benefit will it be for us if we attack such places?" he asked, and made reference to a newspaper publication on June 8 (not Daily Trust) where it was reported the Boko Haram have plans to attack some selected places.

When asked if they know who was responsible for the Saturday attack, Abu Zaid said, "We always take responsibility of whatever we do, but I want to tell you that we are not responsible for what happened in Budun on Saturday."

On whether he is aware of a splinter group which goes by the name Jama'atu Ahl As-Sunnat Jama'a Ala Min Haj As Salaf, Abu Zaid said, "We have heard of them. It may probably be a group of youth who want to exert influence because of the injustices in the society. We would look for them to see the probability of co-opting them."

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2011-07-27 16:23 #54

Good job,JTF.You cannot afford to disgrace Nigeria.Nigeria is bigger than an individual or group of individuals.Your task in Maiduguri is almost accomplished.All those calling for your withdrawal and calling you names, are members and sponsors of the Boko Haram who are afraid that the

tired 'soldiers'(Boko Haram) will soon give up and start calling the names of their sponsors.Wa out,very soon the sponsors will start fleeing the country.God save JTF,God save Nigeria.

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hussain s 2011-07-26 10:32 #52

wht surprises must at times is whn d boko haram members shot there victims they will not leav scene of d attack immediatly untill they confirm dat d victim is death and that can take at least to fifteen minute, it is after they leave d scene then d jtf will appear and start harassing d innoc civillian by random firing dat is y d pple are asking 4 there withdrawal. i think d jtf has 2 b more professional in dealin with d situation so dat innocent lives shall not b loss

Mohammed G B 2011-07-26 02:48 #51

May allah bring an end to wat our ppl Are suffering for.let us all pray thAt will restore peace in Bornu.I want u to understand that irrespective of religion , tribe , or northerner or southerner , v Are al nigerian . So pls stop bringind sentimental issues.

Mohammed ku 2011-07-26 01:52 #50

My perception on these crises is that what is happen right now at Maiduguri it started as Boko Haram initially with then government and some individuals which now exceed to affect the innocent people. right NOW neither the state or federal government will bring these situation down, because there are some things happening which clearly show some individuals are mak their interest out of it, which they want the people of Borno to shed blood and grieve so that th will fight with the army. because what JTF doing is shooting civilian without gun when boom bla happen, JTF do you though people are scared of you because of your uniform or training? is because of your gun which are not permissible to civilian that all. even Osama and it Alqaida member are harboring inside people which you have never had of afghanistan, iraq, palestine, somalia people say here is the person behind the boom blast, no exception prosecute does committed the crime.

M.M.Abubakar 2011-07-25 22:19 #49

No matter the level of misinformation,misrepresentaion,and distortion,the truth will manifest and

prevail. Leaders, security agents, media workers, and the aggrieved parties, of Borno, should fear God and remember the Day of Accountability. The injustice and atrocities being meted against innocent people of the state will definitely be accounted for, on that Day.

M.M.Abubakar 2011-07-25 21:38 #48

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Ahmed Sani Bungudu 2011-07-25 19:53 #47

May I tell the people of Bornu State that the more they keep criminals Boko Haram (pagan) in a hide corner the more their precious lives are in danger. Expose them and their activities to the joint Task Force. The truth of the matter is that those calling for the JTF to go are themselves like Boko Haram. Any day they suffer and are depressed they will metamorphosed to human and call for JTF relocation or recall.

Good Luck ensure that the voice of the elders are voice of wisdom. The soldiers are doing, defending the country and should be allowed to do what they have signed to do.
Thanx God Bless Nigeria and Righteous Nigerians. Amen

asudim 2011-07-25 19:14 #46

great work for the army. we saw ours in gbaranmatu, ayakoroma and odi among other places in the niger delta. Nigeria clapped then. He who wears the shoe around the oil wells knows where the pains are. Good job and it serves them right-why deny it. Is BH justified in their evil acts - concerning the murder of nigerians in the name of allah?

Agid 2011-07-25 18:59 #45

Boko Haram, the government that you are fighting is not feeling the impact of your attacks. It is masses and the defenceless that suffer.

JTF, when the force HQ was attacked, nobody fired a single shot, why then should you use excessive force on the common people. I wonder what will be your strategy if something happens inside your barrack, or where the VIP places.

Enjoy your powers, but it is for a while. it will soon be over.

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