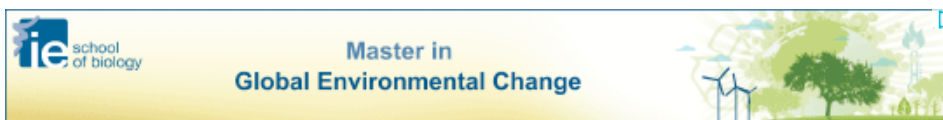


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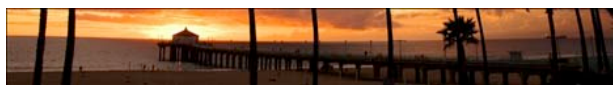
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**Nigeria: Gunmen Kill Three Soldiers in Borno**

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13 December 2011

Maiduguri — Some gunmen Saturday night killed three soldiers at a border post in Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State, residents of the area told Daily Trust yesterday.

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Our correspondent gathered that the soldiers were members of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MJTF).

The force was set up by the governments of Nigeria, Chad and Niger to keep security in the border areas.

According to the residents of the area, the gunmen also killed an unidentified woman together with the soldiers.

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The gunmen, according to witnesses, stormed the border post with an unmarked sport utility vehicle at about 10.30pm on Saturday and ambushed the soldiers who were at their duty post.

Our reporter also gathered that the gunmen quickly fled the scene, while their victims died on the spot.

Commander of the 21st Armoured Brigade in Maiduguri, Brigadier-General Tanko Gaiya, who spoke to our correspondent on phone, neither confirmed nor denied the incident, but merely said the MJTF officers, not the Joint Task Force officers, were in charge of the security in the border areas.

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