5 killed by own bomb in Biu

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FIVE people have been confirmed killed on Saturday night as a result of multiple bomb blasts at a hideout of suspected Boko Haram members in the outskirts of Biu town in Borno State.

Colonel Victor Ebhaleme, the Field Operations Officer of the Joint Task Force (JTF), confirmed the incident on phone to newsmen in Maiduguri last night.

Biu town is about 187 kilometers away from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital

and is one of the local government areas under the State of Emergency.

"We got information that some suspected Boko Haram members were planning to invade Maiduguri from Biu town. This prompted the JTF, 331 Battalion in Biu town and the Department of State Security Services to mobilize to the hideout", he said.

"Our men found pieces of human parts of about five people that had been destroyed by Improvised Explosive Devises (IEDs)," he said.