

Two killed, eight rocket launchers recovered in Borno

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The Multi-National Joint Task Force comprising security operatives from Nigeria, Chad, Niger and Cameroon have intercepted a Hilux van loaded with assorted high profile weapon, including eight rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) and their accessories at Daban Masara, a border between Nigeria and Chad in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

Other weapons recovered which were concealed inside desert palm tree leaves include 10 rocket bombs, 10 rocket chargers, two AK 47 riffles, 13 magazines with six rounds of 7.6mm special ammunition and an ATM card.

Military authorities said the recovered weapons have the capacity of destroying the whole of Maiduguri in less than one hour. "Only God knows what the smugglers of these high profile weapons have in mind....the size is scandalous," a source said.

Spokesman of the JTF in Borno State, Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa, who addressed journalists in Maiduguri yesterday, said three suspects were conveying the consignment. "Two of them were killed at the point of the incident while the third one fled," he said.

According to him, "the interception was carried out around 9pm on Monday, July 30, 2012. It was based on intelligence report and two suspected Boko Haram members escorting the consignment were killed in an exchange of gunfire.

"The large consignment was being moved from Baga/Daban Masara heading towards Maiduguri in a vehicle with registration number NGU 19 XA".