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The Joint Task Force (JTF) on Operation Restore Order said on Thursday that it had



shot dead two suspected commanders of the Boko Haram members in Maiduguri.

JTF spokesman Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa said in a statement in Maiduguri that the suspects were top commanders of the group in-charge of Yobe and Adamawa.

"Two suspected Boko Haram top terrorists commanders were killed along Maiduguri-Kano road as they tried to escape on Wednesday.



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"The suspects were top commanders coordinating activities of the sect in Mubi and Yola in Adamawa and in Yobe."

Sagir added that the duo were trailed by a combined team of security operatives for many hours before they attempted to escape.

"The suspects were on on their way to Damaturu for a planned special operation to attack civilians and military locations.

"Intelligence reports also indicated that they were planning to conduct an attack on Maiduguri soon." Sagir said that a number of items including weapons and a Honda salon car were recovered from them.

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He said that the JTF had also arrested eight suspected members of the group in an earlier operation in Maiduguri.

"Also the JTF arrested eight suspected members of the sect in earlier operations in Garannam, GRA and Lawanti areas of Maiduguri on Wednesday.

"Those arrested were confirmed to have found their way to Maiduguri from neighbouring states."

He added that several items were also recovered from them including "a silver coloured Toyota Camry 1998 model with

Yobe registration number."



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"The car is suspected to have been stolen for possible suicide attack and movement of weapons." NAN

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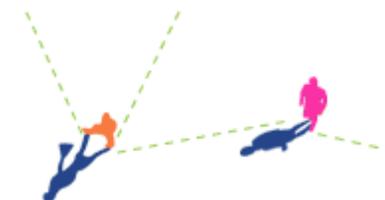
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