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Four gunmen killed, 20 explosives recovered in Maiduguri

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Twenty explosives were recovered by the Joint Task Force (JTF) in Maiduguri yesterday while four men, suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect, were killed during a share raid at a suspected hideout, sources close to the siege and residents said.

Sunday Trust gathered that four other suspects had been arrested while the hideout, which is located at Gwange area of Maiduguri metropolis, was completely demolished.

JTF spokesman in Borno State, Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa confirmed the raid in a statement but did not mention the casualty figure.

"Follow up operations after the IED attacks on JTF patrol vehicles on 1st and 8th October, 2012 along Lagos Street in Gwange area of Maiduguri, in which one officer and two JTF personnel were killed, the JTF discovered Boko Haram terrorists IEDs factory at Gwange/Sabon Layi area on Saturday, 20th October, 2012.

"Four Boko Haram terrorists who master minded and planted the IEDs were arrested and the following items recovered from the factory: Large quantity of assorted IED materials; one AK47 rifle, a box filled with charms, gas cylinders in various sizes, car key remote control switches for detonating IEDs; two bags of fertilizer, one generator and welding equipment," he said.

A resident said he and his colleagues became "restless" around 11am when they saw JTF troops mobilizing to the area.

"Their (JTF) arrival did not look normal because they were well prepared. We simply went back into our houses but I summoned courage and peeped through the window.

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