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Boko Haram ambushes buses, kills passengers

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Gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram militants on Friday resurfaced along Maiduguri-Damaturu highway, where they waylaid two passenger buses and killed scores on board, security and witnesses said.

Confirming the incident through an SMS, the Commissioner of Police, Borno State Command, Aderemi J. Opadokun, said three passengers were killed in the attack.

"At about 1130hour on Friday, Boko Haram terrorists attacked a passenger vehicle at Malori village near Mainok in Kaga LGA. Two women and a man were killed. However, the situation was brought under control by troops in the area," Opadokun said.

But an eyewitness said the victims were more than two, adding that their vehicle was able to escape the ambush.

"The gunmen who covered their faces with turbans suddenly appeared on the route, shooting a passenger bus heading to Maiduguri and another one going out of the metropolis," he said.

"They ordered passengers on board to come down and shot some of them to death, while others ran for their lives," he said

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