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The Nigerian Army yesterday said an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) buried close to a military checkpoint along Bui-Damboia road in Borno State killed a soldier and four others.

Army spokesman, Colonel Sani Usman, said a tricycle (Keke Napep) at about 8.15am moved on the IED which exploded instantly, killing a woman, her baby and two male adults.

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Usman said three other injured persons including a soldier were immediately evacuated to the Biu General Hospital where the injured soldier died.

He said the area was cordoned off and the Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) team from Forward Operation Base (FOB) in Buratai had been mobilized to carry out further search of the area.

He added that preliminary investigation showed that the IED was buried a long time ago undetected. He noted that this development brought to the fore, the need for more security consciousness and vigilance.



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