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Suicide bombers attack mosques in Damboa

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Army spokesman, Colonel Sani Usman

The Nigerian Army said yesterday that two suicide bombers detonated their bombs in separate attacks on mosques in Damboa, Borno State. The Civilian JTF (CJTF) said at least nine people were killed in one of the attacks.

"The loud explosion alerted the residents. When we arrived the place

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everywhere was in disarray," a CJTF member told Daily Trust, asking not to be named.



One other source said another would-be suicide bomber was about to detonate his device when he was noticed and shot.

Army spokesman Colonel Sani Usman said in a statement that the Boko Haram suicide bombers attacked Damboa at about 5.15 am yesterday.

"The first suicide bomber targeted Damboa Central Mosque but due to stringent security measures, he could not gain entry. Obviously frustrated, he exploded and died near the Central Mosque," the statement said. It added that: "the second bomber veered off and gained entry into another smaller mosque and detonated the bomb killing himself and six other worshippers and injuring one other person."

Usman noted that the wounded were evacuated to a hospital while efforts were on to clear the rubbles, adding that troops and other security agencies have been mobilised to the area.

He also said suspected elements of Boko Haram militants in survival bid attacked Gaskeri village ahead of Dalorion Thursday, where they killed three civilian vigilantes and looted foodstuffs.

The spokesman added that troops have been mobilised and they are on the suspected terrorists' trail.

He said as part of efforts to keep Maiduguri-Dikwa-GamboruNgala road open and safe, troops of the 3 Battalion, 22 Brigade yesterday escorted four trailers and 44 other vehicles from Dikwa to GamboruNgala yesterday, noting that the escort duties would continue.

Usman added that troops of 3 Battalion ambushed Boko Haram militants at Gajibo crossing point and recovered one AK-47 rifle loaded with magazine, a transistor radio and a knife on Wednesday.



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