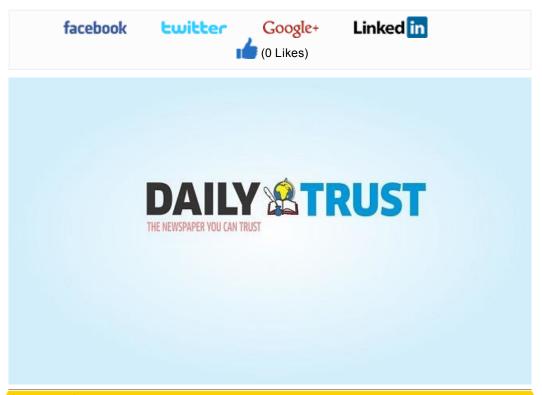
Scores killed in Boko Haram ambush

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Scores of Boko Haram militants and civilians might have been killed when insurgents ambushed Immigration officials on United Nations assignments along Maiduguri - Dikwa road in central Borno state, Immigration sources said.

The incident occurred at a remote area of Gwajibo village in Dikwa Local Government, while convoy of vehicles carrying Nigeria Immigration officials and some civilians was returning from Gamboru Ngala to Maiduguri on Monday at 2:30pm.

The convoy was ambushed by insurgents; some militants were killed as well as civilians but 3 Immigration officials were also wounded.

An Immigration source who was not officially authorized to speak to Journalists confirmed the incident to Daily Trust.

"After Our officials have completed two weeks exercises assigned by United Nations to register thousands of Nigeria returnees from neighbouring countries to Gamboru border town, on their way to Maiduguri they came under heavy attack from insurgents, our personnel exchanged gun fire with them, killed some Boko Haram militants and civilians lost their lives," an Immigration source told our reporter.

He said the three injured officials are currently receiving treatment at emergency unit of University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

He further said "I cannot ascertain the number of civilian casualties but there was none on our side except three personnel that suffered gun wounds."