

## kill 8

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Insurgents ambush convoy, kill 8

Boko Haram insurgents yesterday ambushed a convoy of about 140 vehicles along Maiduguri-Damboa road in Borno State, killing eight people.

A source told Daily Trust that the attack occurred at Abbari village, about 16 kilometers to Damboa town, around 9:30 am and two district heads, one of Chibok and another in Uba emirate, as well as a police vehicle conveying the corpse of a policeman for burial at his hometown, were in the convoy of about 140 vehicles.

The Police in Borno had not issued any statement by reporting time, but Daily Trust learnt that a similar incident occurred sometime in the past when the military were escorting a convoy of about 200 vehicles along the same road.

Travelers along the Maiduguri-Damboa road, en route the southern part of the state, Gombe, Adamawa and Taraba states, gather every day in between 100 and 200 vehicles at Molai on the outskirts of Maiduguri metropolis to be escorted usually by combined force of the Army, Police, men of the Civil Defense Corps and the Civilian JTF along the road to Damboa.

On reaching Damboa, the escorts would arrange the Maiduguri-bound vehicles that might have gathered at Damboa since morning. They would then escort them to Maiduguri in the Damboa-Maiduguri convoy in the afternoon, as they do the Maiduguri-Damboa convoy in the morning