

# Again, landmines kill 9, injure 8 in Borno

## ● ISWAP fighters kill 5 in Borno

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1 Landmines planted by Boko Haram insurgents have killed nine persons, including seven hunters and wounded eight others in Borno on Tuesday evening, vigilante sources said.

It was gathered that the incident happened at Kayamla village in Jere Local Government Area, 20 kilometres to Maiduguri, the state capital.

2 On Monday, four Nigerian soldiers were killed when their vehicle hit a landmine planted by Boko Haram fighters in Logomani village near the border with Cameroon.

Musa Bukar, a top vigilante member who attended the funeral of the seven deceased hunters at the University of Maiduguri Teaching hospital before they were taken to Gwange Cemetery for burial, disclosed that they were buried amidst

tears in Maiduguri on Wednesday morning.

"It was sad they encountered two landmine attacks on Tuesday. I saw their vehicles as it was tossed up into the air. We evacuated the corpses and the injured victims to the hospital last night. Seven of them died at the scene of the attack

"We were on patrol along Kayamla axis. We thought it was a common tyre burst, but we later discovered it was an IEDs planted by insurgents. In fact, two utility vehicles belonging to our members were damaged beyond repair.

"While we were trying to change the tyre, we spotted some Boko Haram gunmen creeping towards us. We began to fire in their direction. As they were making their way back, the vehicle ran over a massive bomb that exploded and killed nine of them instantly, while nine others were

injured." Bukar said.

The State Commissioner for Youth Development, Sa'inna Buba, who was at the funeral, confirmed the incident while speaking to journalists.

He called on the federal government to support the hunters with better weapons and vehicles to enable them provide the needed support to the military.

4 Meanwhile, Boko Haram fighters loyal to Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) have killed five people in Borno State.

In the undated 49-second video which trended on social media yesterday, five hooded men armed with rifles stood behind their victims who were forced to squat. Each of the gunmen killed one of the victims.

One of the assailants claimed that they were on a revenge mission, saying those executed were Christians recently captured in the North East.

3 Zamfara: 'Gunmen kill cattle dealer for refusing to buy stolen cows'