

One CJTF killed, 5 others injured in Borno landmine explosion

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One of the leaders of the Civilian Joint Task Force in Borno State, Ibrahim Maliya Saidu, has been reported killed while five others sustained varying degrees of injury when they stepped on landmines in the Biu Local Government Area of the state.

A member of the CJTF, Mohammed Aliyu, said the accident happened at about 2pm around Maliya

Village in Mandaragarau Ward yesterday.

He said Saidu until his death was the planning secretary of CJTF in the local government.

"We received the sad news this afternoon, that one of our finest CJTF members die during an operation. It was a rude shock to everyone," he said.

Our correspondent gathered that the five injured persons were in critical condition in the hospital where they had started receiving treatment.

Meanwhile, Senator representing Borno South, Ali Muhammad Ndume, has commiserated with the Biu Emirate, members of CJTF, and the entire family and friends of the deceased.

Ndume, in a message, said his death "is a devastating blow to the state as well as an undeniably huge personal loss to Biu communities.

"The deceased had stood his ground and fought Boko Haram until the sad event," he added.