Boko Haram IED kills 21 mourners in Yobe

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At least 21 mourners, mostly children and women, were killed when a tricycle was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Boko Haram terrorists in Yobe State.

Daily Trust gathered that the bomb exploded in Goni, Mittiri village near Gumsa town in Geidam Local Government Area of the state, on Tuesday, killing 18

persons instantly.

Some taxpayers were killed earlier this week while 21 lost their lives after attending the burial of the taxpayers.

"Eighteen persons, mostly children and women, died instantly while three died at the General Hospital in Geidam when they were receiving medical treatment.

"Recently, they (Boko Haram) have increased their attacks on civilians, farmers and herders," a source said.

Another source said, "So far, 21 persons have been confirmed dead while four people with minor injuries were left in the village.

"The Jega tricycle was loaded with over 30 people who were picked up to return them to their villages."

Confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of the Yobe State Police Command, DSP Dungus Abdulkareem, said 20 persons had been confirmed dead in Monday's attack.