

Landmine kills 7 in Borno

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Seven loggers have been killed and others wounded when they stepped on landmines in Konduga Local Government Areas of Borno State on Saturday, sources said.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident occurred between Masunfanari and Dogo Wire village along Maiduguri/Damboia around 11:20 am, killing at least seven loggers on Saturday.

A security source told *Daily Trust* that a pickup van transporting the loggers inadvertently drove over an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by insurgents, leading to a devastating explosion.

“At least seven persons died instantly, and others

were wounded. The firewood sellers were on their way to fell firewood when the incident occurred,” the source told *Daily Trust*.

An eyewitness, Bukar Modu, confirmed the fatalities, stating that he counted the seven dead bodies as they were brought to the Sulumari area, opposite Masinrimari in Maiduguri before their burial.

“The funeral of the victims was conducted around 4 pm on Saturday in accordance with Islamic rites,” Modu said.

The pickup van was reportedly destroyed beyond repair due to the blast's impact.

Efforts to contact Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Nahum Kenneth Daso for further comment were unsuccessful.