

Again, landmine kills 4, injures many in Borno

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A landmine explosion has killed four persons and injured several others along the Maiduguri-Damboa highway in Borno State.

Local and security sources told our correspondent that the incident occurred around 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Komala village, near the Gidan Kaji area in Damboa Local Government Area.

The spokesperson of the Borno State Police Command, ASP Kenneth Nahum Daso, confirmed the incident, stating that "four persons died and 10 others sustained varying degrees of injuries."

He said the injured victims were taken to the Borno State Specialist Hospital in Maiduguri, where they are currently receiving treatment.

The District Head of Damboa, Lawan Maina, also confirmed the incident and called on security agencies to intensify their operations in the area.

"The vehicle, which was loaded with charcoal and passengers, was heading to Maiduguri. About 15 kilometres into the journey, it hit an improvised explosive device (IED), killing four people instantly," he said.

"The road has become increasingly dangerous in the past two months due to frequent IED explosions

targeting motorists and passengers," he added.

A security source disclosed that the incident occurred when a pickup van carrying the victims ran over a landmine suspected to have been planted by Boko Haram terrorists.

"At least four people died instantly, while 14 others sustained injuries. The wounded victims were rushed to Maiduguri for urgent medical attention," the source said.

The incident happened just four days after a suicide bomber detonated explosives at a local fish market in Konduga Local Government Area, killing over 12 people and injuring several others.