

Nine feared killed in Yobe, panic in Calabar as militants attack police base

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training and support and we'll love to work with the new administration to see how we might increase the level of support to Nigeria. "At the same time, we've just announced at the venue of the AU, five billion dollars contribution to the Multinational Task Force. "We are also providing some equipment and support and we have a number of meetings with the countries who are members of the Multinational Joint Task Force to look at other

areas we might support." Thomas-Greenfield said that Africa had faced "some really horrendous terrorist attacks" over the past two years.

He listed the West Gate and Garissa University attacks in Kenya, and the Boko Haram attacks particularly, the kidnapping of the Chibok girls, among others.

"While I would not say Africa is under siege, Africa has some major security challenges.

"That requires a very strong and very concerted strate-

gic effort by African countries and partners to address the security concerns of Africa."

She said the U.S. is providing a strong support to AU on security as the U.S. has a strong partnership with the continent on security.

"We are working closely with the Lake Chad Basin countries: Nigeria, Chad, Niger and Cameroon to address the issues of Boko Haram," she said.

She said that U.S. had so far trained about 250,000 African peacekeepers, saying U.S. highest priority in Africa remained security.

A member of Yobe Vigilante Group, Mallam Isa Ibrahim said, the explosive was concealed in a computer desktop and belonged to a suspect that used it for his bailing, before the blast rocked the entire Potiskum commercial town this afternoon.

"As we were about to confirm the ownership and content of the carton of this suspect, the carton exploded, as the IED was hidden in a computer desktop that was brought to our office here in Potiskum to bail this suspect under our custody, before handing him over to the military and police for further investigation.

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"Unfortunately, our commander or leader, a woman and six others were killed in this bomb blast. There are about a dozen others that also sustained injuries in their limbs and various degrees of burns," said Ibrahim yesterday in a telephone interview in Damaturu.

He said the insurgents have commenced "adopting new strategies of attacks and bombings in Yobe State," by using different methods of disguises, as it has occurred today (Monday) to lose our leader of Vigilante Group.

The Nigerian Red Cross (NRC) and volunteer rescue teams, according to him, have already evacuated the bodies along with the injured ones to the hospital for deposition, identification and treatments of burns and fractures.

Isa Dafa, a resident of Potiskum, also said: "We were shocked and terrified with today's twin blasts at the office of vigilante group and Masaya of Dorowa areas of Potiskum. Many of my neighbours that remained indoors, started to flee for safety, as the gunmen may commence shooting at any person in the town.

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