

Many feared killed as trucks run over explosive devices in Borno

From Njadvare Musa, Maiduguri

• B'Haram attacks community, kills three

MANY motorists and commuters were reportedly killed on Monday after two trucks ran over improvised explosive devices (IEDs) along the Maiduguri-Damboa road.

The road had, recently, been reopened by the military.

This was as the Theatre Commander, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), Maj-Gen. Christopher Musa, appealed to federal and state govern-

ments to fix the Maiduguri-Biu road.

He noted that bad roads fuel Boko Haram insurgency and delays the Army's response to distress calls by communities under attack.

He said rebuilding the Maiduguri-Biu, Maiduguri-Monguno and Maiduguri-Dikwa-Gambouru roads could prevent planting of IEDs.

Adamu Yahaya, who sur-

vived the explosions on the road, said: "The terrorists targeted some of the trucks conveying foodstuff. They looted them and fled into Sambisa Forest."

2 **A**LSO, suspected Boko Haram terrorists in gun trucks and motorcycles attacked Njilang community in Chibok Council of Borno State, killing three people.

The assailants also torched some houses, snatched food

items and other household goods and fled towards Sambisa Forest.

Confirming the incident in Maiduguri, yesterday, the chairman of the council, Umar Ibrahim, disclosed: "An unspecified number of armed Boko Haram members attacked the village in the early hours of Monday."

According to him, the attackers shot sporadically into the air and killed three villagers before setting some of the houses ablaze.