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Explosion kills 47 In Damboa, Borno

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A bomb explosion suspected to be planted by an agent of Boko Haram has killed many traders at the Sabon Gari market in Damboa Local Government of Borno State.

"So far, 52 people are injured, 47 dead persons have been removed from the market," Umar Kidda, a member of a civilian vigilante group, told Reuters by phone.

Kidda, who witnessed bodies being taken away, said the market was busy when the explosion occurred.

A military source that declined to be named said around 50 people had been killed.

The report further stated that Boko Haram agents planted an Improvised Explosive Device in the market.

The suspects, according to the police, detonated the Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, strapped to their backs in the market square on Tuesday at 11am.

The incident occurred two days after two suspected Boko Haram suicide bombers attacked the same Sabon Gari village market in Damboa Local Government Area, killing five persons, including the

suspects, and injuring five others.

Sabon Gari is in Sambisa Forest on Maiduguri-Biu Road, and is 150 kilometres south of Maiduguri, the state capital."

More than 600 people are believed to have been killed in raids and bombings by the insurgents since President Muhammadu Buhari took office on May 29.

At the start of the year Boko Haram controlled more than 10 local government areas of Borno State, but the effort of the security agents was able to push the group from most of that area in the last few months, with the help of troops from Chad, Niger and Cameroon.