

Boko Haram: Girl shot dead

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A 12-year-old girl was last night shot dead by the Joint Task Force (JTF) men around Budum market, behind the Shehu of Borno Palace in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital. The girl was sent on an errand by her mother when she ran into the men.

A member of the State House of Assembly representing Maiduguri state constituency, Alh. Abubakar Tijani, visited the scene of the incident and expressed shock about the death of the little girl, describing it as very unfortunate. He added that about two weeks ago, the area witnessed a bomb explosion which resulted into the destruction of life and property.

Some residents in the area who spoke to our correspondent also expressed concern over the activities of the men of the JTF in the area, stressing that after the Budum market bomb blast they protested to the state government to remove the JTF men from the area, but no action has since been taken to that effect.

It will be recalled that some elders in the state had about three weeks ago complained to the Federal

Government over what they described as the excess of the JTF men, calling for their withdrawal from the state which has witnessed serious unrest resulting from the activities of the Islamic sect, Boko Haram.

The officer in charge of the JTF operation, Col. Victor Ehilemen who confirmed the incident, said thorough investigation would be carried out by the JTF, and that any officer found guilty would be properly dealt with.