



A bomber dies in attempt to blow up bridge

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A suicide bomber targeting a military check point near a bridge in Benisheikh, headquarters of Kaga Local Government, at the weekend went off midway before his target, killing himself, eyewitnesses have said.

A security source, who does not want to be mentioned, said the bomber was apparently targeting the soldiers and the bridge so as to cut cut-off movement in and out of Maiduguri.

The Benishiekh bridge is one of the major bridges on the Kano/Jos/Damaturu Maiduguri Highway, the only safe route to Maiduguri from all axes, as other roads have been taken over by the Boko Haram insurgents.

An eyewitness in Benisheikh (Abdurahaman, not real name) said: "Yesterday after Zuhr prayers, a Volkswagen Golf car, dark ash, was seen driving towards the military and civilian JTF check points before the bridge after the GSS Benishiekh. Before it could reach the military check point, the vehicle exploded in the middle of the road, killing the driver who was alone in the car and suspected to be a suicide bomber," he said.

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