

Lakurawa terrorists behind Zamfara bridge bombing, say police



• *NGF condoles with victims' families*

The **Zamfara** Police Command says members of the Lakurawa terrorist group were responsible for the explosives that went off along the Gusau-Dansadau Road in Maru Local Government Area.

Its Police Commissioner, Muhammad Dalijan, spoke yesterday on 'Sunrise Daily', a Channels Television programme.

On Wednesday, eight people were killed after an explosive tore through the Gusau-Dansadau bridge. The deceased were commuting to Gusau in a Golf car.

There were reports that suspected bandits had planted the explosive.

Dalijan, however, said Lakurawa members were spotted near the blast site moments before the explosion, adding that bandits in Zamfara do not have the capacity to make bombs.

"This Lakurawa (group), when they were dislodged by the Army in Sokoto and Kebbi, the rest of them that survived the military onslaught were trying to find new enclaves," Dalijan said.

"As they were passing that village to Birnin-Gwari forest, they planted a bomb under a bridge.

"Then a motorist passed by and stepped on it. It exploded and killed the driver and three other people were seriously injured.

"They were seen passing through a village and as we were getting reports, trying to get ourselves prepared to pursue them, this explosion happened.

"So, we are sure that they were the ones that planted the bomb.

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“The bandits here (in Zamfara) don’t use bombs because they don’t know how to make it; they don’t know how to improvise explosive devices.

“So, we are 100 per cent sure that Lakurawa are the ones because planting bombs in Zamfara state is a new development and bandits don’t have that capacity.”

Last month, the defence headquarters (DHQ) confirmed the group’s presence in Sokoto and Kebbi states.

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Director of Defence Media Operations, Edward Buba, said the terrorists migrated from Niger Republic.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Governors’ Forum (NGF) has sent its condolences to the people and government of Zamfara State on the road explosion in which six persons reportedly died.

Police have blamed the incident on the run-away local terrorist group

The forum Chairman, who is the Governor of Kwara State AbdulRaman AbdulRazaq, in a statement described the incident as a cowardly attempt to inflict harm on the people.

“We condemn the development in its entirety, and wholeheartedly throw our weight behind the efforts of the military to rout these violent, criminal elements from our land,” the Forum said in a statement yesterday.

“As the security agencies finish off these elements, we call for improved vigilance and prompt report of suspicious activities to the authorities. This is necessary for the good of all.”

The Forum commiserated with Governor Dauda Lawal and families of the victims on the sad incident, and prayed to God to admit the victims to paradise.