

Troops foil suicide bomb attempt on Bakassi IDPs camp

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TROOPS of Operation Lafiya Dole deployed behind Bakassi Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp, Damboa road, Maiduguri, on Sunday, intercepted and killed a male suicide bomber.

Colonel Sani Usman, the army spokesman said in a statement that the troops, who were deployed on security duty, killed the bomber, who had attempted to sneak

through their inner parapet towards the IDP camp.

He said that the incident occurred at about 9:00 a.m.

It will be recalled that suicide bombers killed some nine people close to the camp on Saturday after detonating their explosives.

"The vigilant sentry sighted the bomber and laid in wait until the suicide bomber came close.

"The sniper instantly shot and killed the terrorists as he tried to force his way to the western flank of the IDP

camp fence.

"Unfortunately, the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) vest strapped on the bomber failed to detonate.

"Consequently, a combined team of military and police Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) have been called to safely detonate the

IED," Usman said.

He, however, said the situation at the camp and the general area was calm.



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