

Troops avert suicide bomb attack in Borno

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Troops of the Nigerian Army, on Saturday morning, prevented what could have been a bomb attack in Ummamari, Maiduguri.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relation, Col. Sani Usman, said in a statement that the soldiers of the Forward Operation Base and vigilant members of the Civilian Joint Task Force spotted a suicide bomber while he was attempting to sneak into the community to carry out an attack.

Usman said the suicide bomber detonated the bomb strapped to his waist and died on the spot when he was asked to stop for checks.

The Army spokesman said that the suicide bomber was the only casualty of the foiled suicide attack on the city.

He said, "Troops of 7 Division Garrison Forward Operation Base today averted yet another suicide bombing catastrophe on Ummarari community by suspected Boko Haram terrorist at about 7.00am this morning.

"The suicide bomber was intercepted by the vigilant troops and the Civilian JTF, while trying to enter the village to detonate his dangerous cargo on innocent persons in the Ummarari.

"The suicide bomber detonated the strapped Improvised Explosive Device vest on his body, killing himself instantly when he was forced to a halt, based on suspicion that he was carrying

suicide bombing material.

“Thankfully, there was no other casualty than the suspected suicide bomber.”

He added that the troops and the Civilian JTF were combing the area in search of Boko Haram members who also might have been hiding there to commit heinous acts.

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