

Troops kill four female suicide bombers in Borno

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Troops of the Nigerian Army in Borno State, under the *Operation Rescue Finale*, have killed four female suicide bombers, while trying to detonate their Improvised Explosive Devices.

It was gathered that two of the bombers who wore hijab, attempted to break into the troops at their base in Limankara on Thursday at about 8am.

They were said to have been shot by troops when the bombers were asked to stop, but refused. The IED vests strapped on their bodies also reportedly exploded and the suicide bombers died.

It was learnt that at another troops' base in Mafa, two other females were shot dead, while trying to detonate their explosives.

The last incident was at Galmeri village, where a female and a male suicide bombers were killed after attempting to sneak into the village.

The Theatre Commander, *Operation Lafiya Dole*, Maj. Gen. Leo Irabor, who confirmed the incidents, said three civilians were injured in the Galmeri suicide bombing attack.

He said, "The two suicide bombers attempted to sneak into troops' location at Mafa checkpoint. They were shot when they failed to stop at a distance. The explosive devices detonated and killed them.

"In Galmeri, the injured civilians were evacuated to the General Hospital, Maiduguri for medical attention. The Nigeria Police EOD team was contacted to neutralise the unexploded suicide vest while the National Emergency Management Agency and others were contacted for clearing of the mutilated body parts and also to disinfect the area.

"The Commissioners of Police of Borno and Adamawa states, the state Director, Department of State Services, Borno State and other security agencies have also heightened their operations in order to eradicate cases of IEDs and suicide bombings.

"Our troops have cleared and dominated almost the whole of Sambisa Forest including Boko Haram territories at Goneri, Goni Kurmi, Bula Bello, Njimia, Amdaga, Bitta, Sassawa Tokombere, Jefe, Ndenema

and Turori.”

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