

# Landmine kills five farmers in Borno

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**F**IVE farmers were, on Wednesday, killed by a landmine in Borno State.

The victims were said to have been killed when the truck conveying them and their produce went over a landmine planted in the middle of the road at Addamari near Maiduguri.

A member of the youth vigilante group, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity,

said the incident occurred at Addamari, about 20 kilometres from Maiduguri, the birthplace of Boko Haram.

"A truck bringing farmers and their harvest of cucumber from nearby irrigation fields exploded when it went over a landmine just outside the town of Addamari, some 20 kilometres from Maiduguri," he stated.

The source said the explosion also left 20 people injured.

"Five people were killed and 20 were injured by the explosion. The truck was

returning from the fields on the outskirts of the town around 12.40pm when it went over the mine planted in the middle of the road," he added.

A resident of Addamari, Modu Abu, said the explosive might have been planted by the Boko Haram terrorist group.

He stated that some members of the youth vigilante group assisted in evacuating the corpses of four of the victims and took 21 injured persons to the hospital, but one of them later gave up the ghost.