

Borno farmers, driver killed as bus runs over IED

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Map of Borno State

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An Improvised Explosive Device suspected to have been planted by terrorists on Pulka-Firgi Road in the Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State has killed six farmers and the driver of a commercial vehicle.

The incident, according to Zagazola Makama, a Chad Basin security expert and impeccable sources, occurred between 7 am and 8 am on Monday, when the 18-seater vehicle conveying the victims to their farms ran over the IED.

“The six farmers and the driver were confirmed dead, seven others were also severely injured,” a top official of the Civilian Joint Task Force in Bama, Bukar Ibrahim, confirmed to *The PUNCH* on the phone.

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Another reliable source in the CJTF, Musa Idrissa, said, “Those dead could be more than seven because shattered remains of bodies were later found and packed.”

The 7 Division of the Nigerian Army and the Borno State Police Command spokesmen could not be immediately reached for their comments.

The Bama-Firgi-Pulka-Gwoza Road is one of the roads in Borno where Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists have repeatedly launched attacks, including planting landmines.