

Also confirming the report, a credible Borno Police Command source said, "At about 1 pm today (Saturday, May 4), a Honda Jeep drove over a landmine between Dikwa and Damno in Dikwa LGA, which blasted, killing two persons and injuring three others, all civilians."

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However, an eyewitness, Rawa Fannami, a resident of Dikwa, confirming the Damno-Dikwa incident, told The PUNCH, "Five persons died on the spot when the vehicle drove over the landmine."

Fannami explained that the fated vehicle was part of a wedding convoy conveying a bride from Damno to Dikwa. I was not the vehicle carrying the bride.

He said the shattered remains of the deceased could only be gathered in sacks for burial.

The PUNCH has earlier reported that many persons now die in landmine explosions suspected to either have been planted at the peak of the insurgency or currently as part of new strategies by the terrorists when they cannot carry out other forms of attack.

Up to the time of filing this report, 7 Div spokesman, Lt Col Ajemusu Jingina could not be reached for comments on how the military will combat the new strategies by the terrorists.