Those dead comprise nine personnel of the Civilian Joint Task Force, who died last Saturday, April 27 at Gamboru-Ngala LGA, and two civilians, who died Saturday, May 4 at Dikwa LGA.

"Our personnel drove out of Ngala in the afternoon of last week Saturday; and just at the outskirts of the town, their vehicle drove over a landmine suspected to have been planted by terrorists," Borno State CJTF spokesman, Bashir Abbas, disclosed to The PUNCH.

"Nine of them died on the spot and two got serious injuries and were rushed to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, as the vehicle was completely damaged," he confirmed.