

In a separate incident the same day, an improvised explosive device, believed to have been planted by Boko Haram insurgents, detonated along the Damboa-Maiduguri Road, killing two travellers.

Local sources said the victims, believed to be staff members of the Damboa Local Education Authority, were transporting mangoes in a Toyota Hiace van when the vehicle hit the IED. Both died instantly.

The spokesperson for the Borno State Police Command, ASP Nahum Daso, confirmed awareness of the incident but said details were still being gathered.

“I do not have the comprehensive information yet. Once I’m done verifying the data, I will reach out,” he told our correspondent.

The latest explosion comes just weeks after eight passengers were killed, and 11 others injured when a commercial bus triggered another roadside bomb on the same Damboa-Maiduguri route.