

One dead, two injured in Yobe bomb scare

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At least one person was killed and two others injured in Yobe State on Saturday following spontaneous shooting by military troops which allegedly mistook deafening sound from a tyre burst as bomb blast by suspected Boko Haram insurgents.

Sources said a vehicle conveying a corpse from Maiduguri, Borno State capital with some military personnel heading toward Potiskum road had barely stopped for identification at a military checkpoint at Damagun, Yobe, when the tyre of a trailer burst coincidentally, spurring spontaneous reaction by the military men through shooting.

"The loud sound from the burst tyre caused

panic as the soldiers at the checkpoint thought it was a bomb explosion or Boko Haram attempted attack on them. They started shooting into the direction and a blind man, Malam Abdullahi who was among some beggars near the checkpoint was hit by stray bullet. He died thereafter," Ibrahim Musa, a resident of Damagun told Sunday Sun on phone.

He also said two other people; a passerby and a passenger in a commercial vehicle sustained injuries from stray bullets. "They were also hit by stray bullets," Musa claimed.

Efforts to get the reaction of the spokesman of the military Joint Task Force (JTF) in Yobe, Captain Lazarus Eli did not yield result as he neither picked nor returned the reporter's telephone calls to his mobile line.

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