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Military averts suicide attack near Maiduguri

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MILITARY troops in conjunction with vigilant Civilian JTF men have averted a suicide attack by suspected Boko Haram bomber near Maiduguri.

A suicide bomber targeting Ummarari community, located at the outskirts of Maiduguri early yesterday was intercepted by troops and civilian JTF, forcing the suspect to detonate the explosive devices. The military Acting Director, army public relations in a statement said "troops of 7 Division Garrison Forward Operation Base (FOB), averted yet another suicide bombing catastrophe on Ummarari community by suspected

Boko Haram terrorist at about 7.00am (yesterday)."

He disclosed that the suicide bomber was forced to halt his movement following suspicion of his mission, a development which also compelled him to detonate the "strapped Improvised Explosive Device (IED) vest on his body, killing himself instantly."

"Thankfully, there was no any other casualty other than the suspected suicide bomber," the army spokesman said. He disclosed that troops and the Civilian JTF at the area were already "combing the surrounding area to forestall further attacks and clear the environment of likely remnants of Boko Haram terrorists."