

geria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested 42 suspected persons for illegal manufacturing of adulterated lubricants discovered in illegal factories where fake and adulterated engine oil is refined and packaged in Ilorin.

Also, teams led by the Directorate of State Security Service and the Directorate of Petroleum Products (DPR) and the NSCDC had sealed the illegal

tal number of 42 persons, including staff and kingpins in the refining and marketing of the illegal production and sales had been arrested.

The civil defence boss, who said that one of the illegal factories, Segmax oil company, located in a rural settlement of Kere Aje area, Ogbondoroko community, Afon in Asa local government area was not licensed, added that only laboratory equipment found in the factory were test

fence of the factory was as high as prison yard fence with illegal production done only at night and distribution early in the morning.

He said his men, who had laid ambush pounced on two trucks while entering the factory to load the illegal products on Wednesday.

He also said that the owner of the factory, Olusegun Jesuwumi, had engaged in the illegal engine oil refinery for a long

gal factory later took his team to a popular lubricant sales outlet in the Ilorin metropolis, Woopet Ogbus oil and lubricant marketing centre, located at Offa Garage area of the town, added that a large volume of different brands of suspected adulterated engine oil like Lubcon, Total, Amasco, A2Z was found inside four storey buildings behind the shops.

He also said that both the illegal factory and the sales depot had been sealed, adding that two trucks and four 33,000 oil tankers found in the premises had been seized by the corps.

adulteration of various brands of lubricants was done there.

The NSCDC boss also said that men of the DPR in the state had taken samples of the engine oil to authenticate quality of the product.

Speaking with journalists, one of the operators of alleged illegal engine oil refineries, Olusegun Jesuwumi, a secondary school certificate holder, said that he was aware of his illegal action, adding that he was trying to meet up with requirements of registering under DPR and SON.

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THE Nigerian Army has faulted media reports on Boko Haram attack at a village church near Chibok town on Borno State last weekend, insisting two people were murdered in the community by the insurgents in a renewed attack.

Some Boko Haram invaded a local church at Kwamjilari village in Damboa Local Government about 35 kilometres to Chibok town on Sunday morning while the Sunday service was going on.

The attack was not immediately known in Maiduguri, Borno's capital some 100 kilometres away due to the remoteness of the area and poor telephone service. But some survivors of the attack that fled to Chibok said eight worshippers were killed by the insurgents who rode bicycles to the village.

Army spokesman, Col Sani Usman however said the reports of the killing of eight people in church were not correct. "What happened was that, 2 persons were murdered at Kwamjilari village, very close to Sambisa forest, by suspected remnants of Boko Haram terrorists looking for food.

"They weren't killed outside or near a church as being bandied around. The people from the said village are all in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp in Chibok. Those who went back to the village without authorization were moved back to Chibok two weeks ago. Those killed went back on their own contrary to security advice," he said in a statement yesterday.

Reports on fresh attack near Chibok not true – Army insists

• As Boko Haram kills soldiers in ambush



• Boko Haram members

He also confirmed in the killing of five commuters during an ambush by Boko Haram on a convoy of vehicles along the 87 kilometres Maiduguri-Damboa highway in Monday afternoon, describing the renewed attack as unfortunate.

"Suspected elements of the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists who were foraging for food, ambushed troops of Operation LAFIYA DOLE escorting commercial vehicles from Damboa to Maiduguri, at Sanda general area, Borno State. Unfortunately, 5 civilians lost their lives at the incident and another died on the way to the hospital. Three soldiers also sustained injuries.

The wounded have been evacuated to Maiduguri," he disclosed.

He said the theatre command has dispatched "another robust patrol" on the road to reinforce the troops on ground and to clear the general area and pursue the terrorists. He canvassed for more vigilance by the people around the area and cooperation with the military. He also assured the people that the military would not allow such isolated incident thwart its resolve to restore peace to the troubled northeast States.

The Maiduguri-Damboa road which link the capital to the southern part of the state and neighbouring Gombe and Adamawa states, was reopened by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai late last year nearly three years after it was shut down following incessant killing of commuters, motorists and travellers on the road by Boko Haram.