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Civilians feared killed in B'Haram ambush in Borno

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BOKO Haram insurgents, at the weekend, attacked convoy of commercial vehicles and travellers with military escorts along a major highway in Borno State.

The insurgents ambushed dozens of vehicles along Maiduguri-Damboa Road and opened fire on the convoy, killing some civilians. Some soldiers and volunteer security

personnel, otherwise, called Civilian JTF were wounded, sources said.

About seven people, including soldiers were said to have been killed in the ambush, but military authority put the death toll at two.

Theatre Commander of *Operation Lafiya Dole*, Maj. Gen. Lucky Irabor, while confirming the attack, said a driver and one civilian died, adding that one soldier and a civilian JTF sustained injuries.

"There was an ambush by the Boko Haram terrorists on a convoy of vehicles, somewhere, between Dalwa and Bulabulin, along Maiduguri-Damboa Road. The terrorists opened fire on the convoy and a driver and a civilian died. One soldier and a Civilian JTF were injured," the Commander told Daily Sun.

The Saturday attack was the second ambush on convoy of vehicles along the Maiduguri-

Damboa Road by Boko Haram in recent time. Late last year, the insurgents also ambushed vehicles with military escorts. Military said Boko Haram hijacked two of its vehicles and drove them into the bush during a fierce battle with troops.

The road was reopened early last year by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.Gen. Tukur Buratai nearly after two years of shut down due to incessant attacks by the terrorists.