

Suicide bombers kill 19 in Borno village

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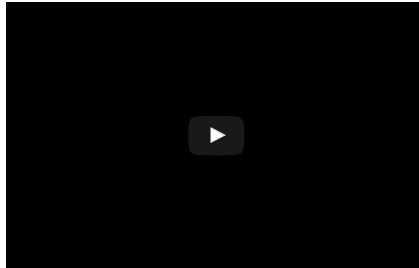
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At least 19 people were killed in two separate attacks in Borno State on Saturday, by Boko Haram, days after a resurgence in the jihadist group's activities prompted a shift in military tactics. Injured people were treated at the State Specialist Hospital in Maiduguri, on the day after two suicide bombers struck a camp for displaced people in Dikwa, 90 kilometres (56 miles) East of Maiduguri, killing five.

A civilian militia member said the attackers disguised themselves as traders wanting to buy grains. The attack in the town of Dikwa in Borno State came days after suspected members of the group kidnapped an oil prospecting team, prompting a rescue bid that ended in the deaths of at least 37 people including members of the team rescuers from the military and armed vigilantes, officials say.

Confirming the Dikwa incident in a telephone interview, the Spokesman of Operation Lafiya Dole, Col. Nwachukwu Onyema, said military troops tried to stop the terrorist but they refused, and when they shot them the Improvised Explosive Device strapped on their bodies exploded killing themselves and three IDPs, while six others injured. According to him, the camps where the two female suicide bombers tried to infiltrate have since been cordoned off to ensure no other IED and no suicide bomber gain access. He said the suicide bombers have changed tactics and are bent by all means to cause havoc, adding that that was why they resorted to taking soft target like IDPs and called. Her called on general public and IDPs in particular to always be security conscious and report any stranger or strange object to security agents, as the suicide bombers don't wear uniform.

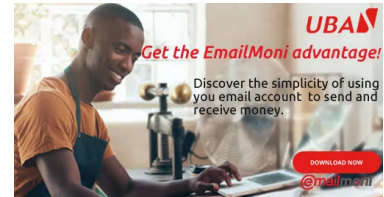
"You the media should help us educate and enlighten the general public, more especially the IDPs to be wary of any strangers among them, as you know the Bok Haram insurgents don't wear uniform", he appealed.



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Col. Onyema said their troops also discovered one IED factory in Kote village in Bama Local Government Area, where the insurgents manufactured their weapons.

"It is fortunate for us and unfortunate for insurgents, as IEDs exploded killing one insurgent in a IED making factory at Kote village in Bama, where our troops move to clear the factory," he said.

In a related development one Boko Haram insurgents was killed in Zannari a border village between Nigeria and Cameroun, where they went to extort the villages, while some escaped with bullet wounds.

The spokesman said "Yes some Boko Haram members who used to extort money from village in a border village called Zannari, where report to our troops, who swiftly reacted and move to the village where one insurgent was killed, while other escaped with bullet wounds".

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