

# Boko Haram ambushes convoy, motorists, many feared dead

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**B**oko Haram insurgents yesterday ambushed motorists and vehicles loaded with goods, including three trucks conveying relief materials to Askira/Uba and Chibok local government areas of Boko State.

In the ambush, the terrorists killed scores of people, including one policeman, Sergeant Bala Tiiseh, and driver of one of the trucks conveying relief materials.

Six policemen were also

injured in the attack. The officers are receiving treatment at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

Also, the insurgents abducted some people going for burial and carted away drugs, foodstuffs and other relief materials.

The incident took place along Maiduguri-Biu road, which is about 185-kilometre away from Maiduguri, the state capital.

One of the sources said: "A police vehicle was conveying a corpse of a police officer, Sergeant Rahila Asikira, who died in Maiduguri, but the terrorists ambushed motorists and

the military convoy."

Other sources said the insurgents also went away with many abductees, van full of drugs and foodstuffs.

A hospital source, who does not want his name in print, said: "As I am talking to you, the corpse of the driver of one of the trucks conveying drugs is in the mortuary of the hospital."

Also speaking, one of the passengers who narrowly escaped the attack, Mallam Garba Audu, said the insurgents came out in three different places killing one policeman in the convoy.

Audu said a driver with the Borno State Ministry

of Health was killed in the attack and they took away the vehicle loaded with drugs.

He said: "We narrowly escaped death today (Tuesday) as the insurgents came out in three different locations along Maiduguri-Dambo road, killing one mobile policeman in the convoy and a driver of the Borno State Ministry of Health. The attackers also took away a vehicle full of drugs."

A Borno government official told New Telegraph that the drugs and foodstuffs were being taken to Askira/Uba and Chibok local governments.

"Three of our vans were among the convoy the Boko Haram insurgents attacked on Tuesday along Maiduguri-Dambo road. They killed one of our drivers while another escaped. They took away one of the vehicles full of drugs," the source said.

The Force Public Relations Officer (FPRO), Mr. Jimoh Moshood, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), confirmed that the attack on a convoy of military and policemen, led to

the death of one personnel, while another was declared missing.

Moshood, however, noted that the attack was repelled.

"It was a joint convoy of the military and police. One police personnel died, and one is still missing," Moshood said.

Boko Haram insurgents have, in recent time, stepped up their attacks. Just on Sunday, suicide bombers attacked Maiduguri and killed 17 people.

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