

Explosion Kills 4 in Maiduguri

Four persons were yesterday feared killed when a bomb exploded in an area in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

Also, an attempt to attack the rehabilitation centre of repentant Gombe political thugs, otherwise known as Yankalare, on Monday night, was foiled as the

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explosives thrown to the centre by unknown gunmen failed to detonate, despite sporadic shootings by the gunmen.

However, it was gathered that the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) allegedly thrown by suspected Boko Haram members from a moving vehicle, was targeted at a troop of the Joint Task Force (JTF) in a patrol vehicle.

Having missed JTF officers by a whisker, the bomb exploded few metres away, killing four persons, some of which were in a moving commercial tricycle.

A source at the Lawan Bukar area of Maiduguri, where the bomb exploded, said there were some injuries recorded including that of the JTF men.

A Red Cross Official who did not want his name in print confirmed to journalists that four persons died in the incident and few more people were injured, but the JTF maintained that there was no casualty recorded in the incident.

JTF spokesman, Lt. Col. Sagir Musa, in a statement, confirmed that the IED targeted at the patrol vehicle of the task force exploded having missed the vehicle.

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