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MAIDUGURI - Six persons including a Police Inspector and a former council chairman were killed yesterday in a clash between gunmen and members of the Joint Task Force, JTF, in Dikwa council area of Borno State.

This came as commercial motorcycle riders claimed to have lost over 100 of their members in Sunday's bomb blast in Kaduna as more of the bomb victims recounted their experiences.

The gunmen in Borno, numbering about 30 were said to have carried out a bomb attack on a police station in the council area and killed a police Inspector as well as the

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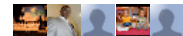
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Empty threats, empty promises,

former chairman of Dikwa Local Government Council, Alhaji Babagana Ali Karim. The gunmen also set the Unity Bank branch and Freedom Hotel on fire and also attempted to torch the council secretariat.

JTF members, however, engaged them in a shoot out and succeeded in killing three of them.



Arms and ammunition recovered by Borno State Police Command. Photo: NAN.

Briefing newsmen yesterday, the Borno State Police Commissioner, Mr. Bala Hassan said that the Dikwa attack was repelled by security agents as they were able to over power the attackers by killing three of them, while several others escaped into the bush with bullet wounds.

Hassan while displaying the arms and ammunition that were recovered from the gunmen noted that during the clash with the security agents, the gunmen abandoned their Hilux Pick-Up vehicle which they used in the attack. He said when the security agents searched the vehicle, they discovered that the vehicle was loaded with arms and ammunition; Police uniforms, crash helmets, metal detectors among others which were believed to have been stolen after an attack on a police station.

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The Police Commissioner then appealed to the general public to cooperate with the security agencies in providing information to the command, adding that N500,000 reward will be given to any one who provides information that would assist in arresting the criminals, while N1 million will equally be given to anyone that provides information on the *modus operandi* of the gunmen. He said that all information given will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Confirming the incident, the JTF Spokesman, Lt. Col. Sagir Musa said that at about 1:35am to 2:45am on Monday, suspected members of the Boko Haram sect attacked and burnt Dikwa Police Station, Unity Bank, Freedom Hotel and attempted to burn Dikwa Council Secretariat.

He said, the JTF forward operating bases in Dikwa and Gamboru 202 Battalion troops and Nigeria Police Force jointly engaged the gunmen. He said it was reported later that the former Chairman of the council, Babagana Ali, a police officer and a civilian were killed by the attackers.

He added that three of the gunmen were killed and many items were recovered

which include one unregistered Isuzu pick up, milk colour, one AK47 rifle, one double barrel gun, a box loaded with assorted ammunition, 19 empty magazine, one bullet proof jacket, some crash helmets and a DVD player.

Bomb defused in Kano

The Joint Military Taskforce, JTF, yesterday

afternoon in Kano defused a high caliber Improvised Explosive Device (IED) primed in an abandoned vehicle along the strategic eastern bypass close to a military check point.

Military spokesman, Lt Ikediche Iweha told Vanguard in a telephone interview that the exercise was successful; stressing that “there was no casualties while the process lasted.”

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One day the rulers say that Boko Haram is finished, another day, we read that Boko Haram has finished another part of Nigeria! Which story are we to believe. The chickens are coming home to roost. For so long, the Nigeria Customs collected bribes on the borders and let every urchin and container into Nigeria; for so long the Police collected bribes on the highways and waved every vehicle to pass, even if they carried whatever; for so long the Army and Police sold weapons to robbers and potential jihadists. The jihadists are now using the arms to fight with Army and Police. It reminds one of how America armed the Taliban in Afghanistan, only for the Taliban

to turn on them.

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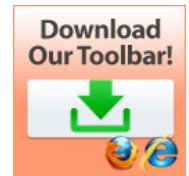
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