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# Security agencies, Boko Haram in fierce exchange of gunfire in Zaria

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KADUNA — An early morning raid on a hide-out of *Boko Haram* members yesterday in Gaskiya Muslims quarters of Zaria town, 65km north of Kaduna metropolis led to exchange of gunfire between the sect and a joint operation by soldiers and security agencies leaving two members of the sect dead.

An explosion was said to have occurred at about 9 am around the area which caused pandemonium as the Army later evacuated residents in the neighbourhood.

A statement issued to newsmen by the

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PRO, Nigerian Army Depot Zaria, Captain Ibrahim Abdullahi said, "Boko Haram members engaged the Army and State Security Service, SSS, in a fierce gun battle following a tip off that *Boko Haram* members were planning a major suicide mission in Zaria, Kaduna and Suleja to coincide with Independence day anniversary which led to the joint operation. During the exercise, we discovered heavy explosives in a warehouse which were meant for the operations.

"As a result a controlled detonation was carried out by Army engineers to save residents of the area and further stop the planning and execution of terrorism by the sect."

Another statement signed by spokesman of the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, Yusuf Shuaibu reads: "An explosion was detonated early morning today close to Islamic boarding school in Gaskiya Area in Zaria. Two of the suspects were killed by security personnel. Injured victims have been taken to the hospitals."

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Where then does the hope of victory for the Nigerian Boko stem from, how is it that not one of the group is able to see that this 'jihad' is doomed and that the chances of ever conquering and holding territory in the nation is near impossible?

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