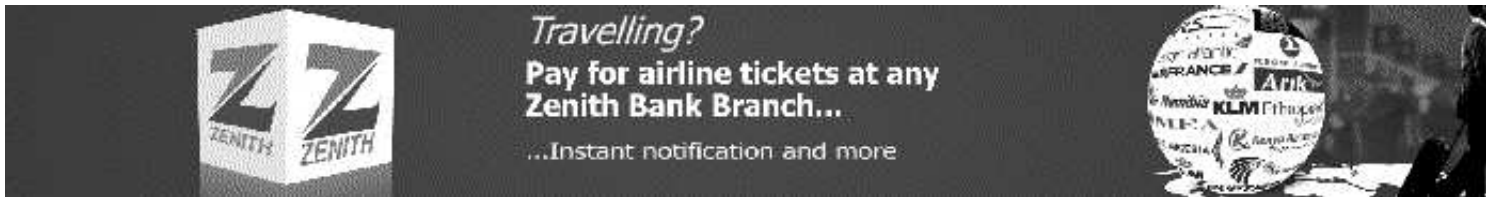


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...as sect changes tactics, plants EIDS on Federal Highways

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Members of the dreaded Boko Haram sect who are holding states of the North East to ransom, especially in Borno, have changed to a new strategy by planting Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) otherwise known as bombs on the federal highways which yesterday led to the killing of seven passengers when the vehicle they were using along Gwoza - Madagali road stumbled on it and exploded.

Gwoza is a council area in Borno state and Madagali is also a council area in Adamawa state which had witnessed series of attacks and killings.

The latest one was on Sunday when some gunmen suspected to be terrorists attacked Christian worshippers during Sunday Service in their Church in Waga Chakawa village of Madagali killing 22 worshippers including policemen on guard.

Our Correspondent gathered the planting of IEDs by suspected Boko Haram sect which exploded yesterday at about 7 O'clock in the morning around Kutura village along Gwoza- Madagali road led to the immediate closure of the road as security operatives and anti-bomb men who are busy patrolling the area to avoid further detonations.

It was also gathered that the bomb which exploded by the side of the road made the Toyota bus driver who was conveying the passengers to skip and stumble on the IEDs which exploded and killed seven occupants on the spot, while three others sustained serious injuries and are now receiving treatment at the General Hospital Gwoza.

According to a reliable security source, who spoke to our Correspondent on condition of anonymity, "at about 0700hours yesterday, some insurgents planted IEDs in Kutura village alongside Gwoza- Madagali federal highway which exploded under a Toyota bus conveying passengers. Seven of them died on the spot while three people sustained injuries."

He gave the names of some of the deceased as: Suleh Adamu, aged 43; Zakariya Shuaibu 40; Bako Suleiman 35; Lami Baba 40 and Mohammed Maikanwa 50, who hails from Damagaram town of Niger Republic.

Others are Abdullahi Madu, Magaji Ibrahim and Ishiaku Ali of Hausari ward of Gwoza council area who sustained injuries and were rushed to General Hospital Gwoza for treatment.

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