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81 killed, others injured as abandoned bombs explode in Borno

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MAIDUGURI—AT least 81 people including members of youth vigilante were feared dead with scores injured when a bag filled with Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, discovered by operatives of the youth vigilante, Civilian JTF, at a deserted camp of Boko Haram near Monguno village in Borno State suddenly exploded, witnesses and security sources said.

The source said, initially, 50 people were killed on the spot while 18 out of several injured ones died before reaching Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, for medical attention.

Monguno is in the north and about 155 kilometres from Maiduguri. The town was temporarily under the control of the Boko Haram insurgents before it was liberated by troops early this year.

Already, Governor Kashim Shettima has visited the state Specialist Hospital to sympathize with the victims.

The Chief Medical Director of Borno State Hospital Management Board, Dr. Salisu Kwayabura who briefed Shettima said, the hospital received the sad news at about 3am yesterday,

adding that 13 out of the 55 injured ones died while being conveyed to Maiduguri, noting that, 13 people were treated and discharged while 28 were still on admission recuperating.

The explosion, which occurred at about 5pm Tuesday was coming barely 48 hours after an explosion suspected to have

come from be land mines planted by insurgents along Maiduguri - Damboa road last Monday, killing two soldiers and a policeman.

The Maiduguri - Damboa road explosion occurred when a convoy of one of the security patrol vehicles ran over the land mines as the convoy headed

towards a village near Bulabulin Ngarwa with some staff of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria to repair a broken down/vandalized transmission lines which supplied power to some parts of Borno and neighbouring states of Niger Republic.



BRIEFING: From left, Mr Claus Becker, MD, Sub-Sahara Africa, Lufthansa (German Airlines) and Swiss International Air Lines, Mr Tamur Goudarzi Pour, Lufthansa Vice President, Sales and Services, Africa, Southeast Europe and Middle East, and Mr Hakeem Jimo, Lufthansa Public Relations Manager, Sub-Sahara Africa, during the announcement of Lagos as headquarters of Lufthansa sales, stations operations and administration for Sub-Sahara Africa in Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Kehinde Gbadamosi.

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