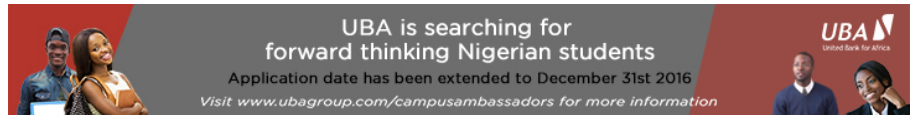


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Suspected members of Boko Haram, yesterday, ambushed motorists along Maiduguri- Damboa- Biu road, leading to unspecified number of people dead and injured, according to eye witnesses.

The incident was said to have taken place in the morning between old Nigerian Telecommunication Mast, NITEL, a.k.a Dogon Wire in Hausa, and Bullabulin village which is now deserted with only a military base left.

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A driver, Mallam Aliyu Yau, who claimed to have escaped with his six passengers, said, "Most of the passengers killed and injured were not by Boko

Haram sect, but by military escorts who opened fire on fleeing passengers into the bush, mistaking them as escaping terrorists.

“It is unfortunate that our road is not safe today (Saturday morning) as some Boko Haram terrorists laid [ambush](#) on the road. It is regrettable that during the ambush and exchange of gunfire between military escorts and the terrorists, many passengers took to their [HEELS](#) into the bush, and most of them fell victim in the cross fire..

“ I cannot ascertain the number of those killed as I managed to escape with my passengers. But I learnt that scores of people were killed or injured”.

Efforts to confirm the story with the Borno State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Victor Isuku, proved abortive as his cell [PHONE](#) lines were not reachable at press time, and the military authorities did not issue any statement on the attack.

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