

LAGOS MARINE HOMES: *Lagosians making homes under a bridge on the Lagos Island.* PHOTO: Lamidi Bamidele.

# 7 terrorists killed, 8 crippled by own IED in Borno

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**M** AIDUGURI—THE Nigerian Army yesterday disclosed that seven terrorists died when their vehicle ran over an Improvised Explosive Device, IED, they planted for troops in Lamba'a Forest along Jakana-Mainok Road in Borno State.

3 It was also gathered that two soldiers and a local hunter were killed when some members of Boko Haram sect laid an ambush on military operation vehicles along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh-Damaturu Road.

Col Aminu Iliyasu, the Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, in a statement yesterday, added that eight other terrorists were crippled by the IEDs.

He said: "The incident was a clear case that can be best described as a tactical boomerang, as a Toyota Sam Sahara model belonging to the terrorists stepped on an IED they planted against troops in the area."

Iliyasu also disclosed that a syndicate that specialises in smuggling smoked fish from the Lake Chad region for sale in some parts of Nigeria was busted by the troops.

He said the proceeds from the sales are believed to be channelled into the procurement of foodstuff, groceries, drugs, toiletries, vehicle spare parts and other items for the sustenance of the terrorists' activities.

His words: "In a related development, troops of Sector 3, Operation Lafiya Dole, while acting on intelligence, raided the residence of some suspected illegal fish smugglers near Water Board Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, Camp in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

"Four suspects were arrested

and 16 sacks of smoked fish concealed in a room were recovered.

"In a similar operation conducted by troops of Sector 2, Operation Lafiya Dole, on October 10 intercepted nine vehicles loaded with smoked fish consignments at Bukarti in Geidam Local Government Area of Yobe en-route Hadejia in Jigawa State.

Meanwhile, it was gathered

that at least two soldiers and a local hunter, named Mallam Monye, were killed when some members of Boko Haram sect laid ambush on military operation vehicles along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh-Damaturu Road.

Sources said the latest ambush took place Saturday evening, but the remains of the victims were conveyed to Maiduguri yesterday morning.

It was also gathered that the attackers suffered the same casualties, as many of the terrorists were eliminated during

the encounter.

A hunter told Vanguard that they lost one of their members during the ambush.

"Yesterday, Boko Haram ambushed our gallant Nigerian Army and Borno local hunters (vigilantes) along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh Federal Highway.

"We lost one of our active members named (Monye) due to lack of protection."

At press time, efforts to confirm from the Director Army Public Relations, Colonel Sagir Musa, proved abortive.

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Command, DSP Bala Elkana, said investigation was ongoing and that the case had been

It was gathered that on Thursday, Fowosere, a friend to the slain Abdullahi, beat up me' in Yoruba language. He was holding his neck with both hands while blood was gushing out. "As he was shouting

morning for near the missing lion.