

Boko Haram kills 3 travellers, abducts others on Maiduguri-Damaturu Road

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M AIDUGURI—BARELY two days after suspected members of Boko Haram sect ambushed motorists along Maiduguri-Damaturu road, where scores of travellers were abducted, the sect, yesterday, killed three travellers and abducted several others on Maiduguri-Mainok-Beneshiekh-Damaturu road.

The Maiduguri-Damaturu road is among federal highways recently closed partially by the military following ongoing special operations on the Sambisa forests general area. Though, the military on a daily basis since last week do open the road for motorists by 3 pm to allow passengers travel along the road.

The attack, which took place about 5pm also trapped officials of National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, who were on their way back to Maiduguri after taking delivery/distribution of relief items to Internally Displaced Persons in Beneshiekh, the headquarters of Kaga Local Government Area of the state.

According to eye witness and a driver, who escaped the attack, Adamu Auwal said, "dreaded terrorists who disguised in military uniform intercepted many vehicles and their passengers, after which they selected many out of the passengers, including women and girls and went away with them into the Sambisa forest axis."

Another passengers, Usman Yakubu, who managed to escape as the insurgents pursued him with gunshots, said, one of his friends who they were travelling together was gunned down by the terrorists.

Confirming the incident, a staff of NEMA, who was among those trapped but not authorised to talk to the press, said one of their trucks were trapped in the scene as the terrorists thought the trucks were full of food items, but luckily, the driver of the empty truck