

Landmine kills 12 in Borno

NO fewer than 12 loggers were killed in Borno State near the border with Cameroon, when their vehicle hit a landmine in an area where Boko Haram jihadists are active, two non-governmental organisations working in the region said, yesterday.

The loggers were on their way to the bush to collect firewood when the flat-bed vehicle conveying them rolled over a mine suspected to have been planted by Boko Haram jihadists on the highway outside

Pulka village, the NGOs said in two reports seen by AFP on the incident, which happened on Monday.

"Men suspected to be Boko Haram planted explosives and killed 12 people while many were injured along Pulka to Gwoza route," one of the reports read.

According to the other report, which gave the same toll, seven other loggers were injured "out of which three are very critical and have been evacuated to Maiduguri for further medical attention".