

# Explosion kills 4, injured others along Maiduguri-Damboia road

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**M**aiduguri — Four people have been killed while unspecified number of individuals sustained injuries when their vehicle stumbled on an Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, suspected to have been planted on Maiduguri-Damboia road by members of Boko Haram.

The incident, according to the District Head of Damboa, Lawan Maina, took place between Damboa and Kwanar Jaki villages under

bandits attacked last night, they

Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State.

He said: "The vehicle loaded with charcoal and passengers were heading to Maiduguri, and after reaching about 15km drive into the journey, the IEDs they stepped on exploded and killed four people instantly, while the injured were evacuated to hospitals.

"The road has remained deadly in the past two months, as a result of frequent IEDs explosion."

Damboia is about 85km drive from Maiduguri, the state capital, which

investigations have begun to apprehend the actors behind this

## others along Maiduguri-

has witnessed series of attacks by insurgents in the past, while the federal road linking Maiduguri-Damboia-Biu has remained closed due to insecurity, even as people access only Maiduguri-Damboia on military escort.

Confirming the incident, Borno State Police Command in a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, Keneth Daso, regreted the event, which he said took place about 1230hrs.

"One Isuzu pickup vehicle with numberplate, DAM 156XA (Borno), conveying passengers from Damboa to Maiduguri, on reaching Komala

community in this difficult time."

Village, Konduga Local Government Area, the vehicle struck an IED suspected to have been planted by Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists.

"As a result of the explosion, four persons lost their lives, while 10 others sustained injuries.

"The corpses of the deceased and the injured victims have been evacuated to the state Specialist Hospital, Maiduguri, for autopsy and medical treatment respectively.

"Normalcy has been restored, joint security team has been drafted to the scene to prevent further attacks, while efforts are ongoing by Police EOD-CBRN to probe the scene."