

Boko Haram Bomber Kills Eight in North Cameroon



Yaoundé, December 11 (RHC)-- At least eight people have lost their lives and nearly two dozen others sustained injuries in Cameroon's Far North region in a bombing attack by the Nigeria-based Takfiri Boko Haram terrorist group.

"There were two bombers. Only the first bomb exploded," a local official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said on Friday.

The development came more than a week after Cameroonian forces killed about 100 Boko Haram militants and freed some 900 captives held by the extremists.

"A special clean-up operation from November 26 to 28" against Boko Haram militants in the border area with Nigeria "neutralized more than 100" of them, Cameroon Defense Minister Joseph Beti Assomo said in a statement broadcast on national radio on December 2nd.

More than 100 people have reportedly lost their lives in the Far North of Cameroon in about 20 bomb blasts blamed on Nigeria-based Takfiris since July.

Cameroon has joined a regional military alliance alongside Niger, Chad and Nigeria in the battle against Boko Haram.

The Boko Haram militancy began in 2009, when the terrorist group started an armed rebellion against the Nigerian government. At least 17,000 people have been killed and more than 2.5 million made homeless ever since.

The terrorists recently pledged allegiance to the Takfiri Daesh militant group, which is primarily operating inside Syria and Iraq.

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