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Sources reported widely different numbers of fatalities caused by IED attacks, with Action on Armed Violence (AOAV) recording 200 such civilian deaths<sup>248</sup> and SBM Intelligence documenting 42 related deaths in 2024.<sup>249</sup> After years of low incidence of suicide attacks,<sup>250</sup> a notable upsurge in bombings by ISWAP was observed in the North-East,<sup>251</sup> with unclaimed suicide attacks killing dozens in mid-2024 in Borno's Gwoza and Konduga LGAs.<sup>252</sup> At least one large-scale suicide attack was reported in 2025.<sup>253</sup> Meanwhile, airstrikes by the Nigerian armed forces killed dozens of civilians in Kaduna,<sup>254</sup> Sokoto<sup>255</sup> and Zamfara states.<sup>256</sup> Amongst others, an airstrike targeting a site of the insurgent group Lakurawa in Sokoto State mistakenly killed 10 civilians in late 2024.<sup>257</sup>

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