Landmine blast kills two cops (Kenya)

Nairobi (Kenya) - Two police officers were killed and six others seriously injured when their vehicle drove over a landmine during an anti-bandit operation in Kenya's northern district of Moyale, said police spokesperson Kingori Mwangi on Friday.

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He said the explosion happened late on Thursday as the officers were rushing to confront bandits who had attacked a government officer in Moyale, a small town straddling the Kenyan-Ethiopian border.

Mwangi said the unidentified assailants had attacked the home of assistant chief Ngufu Dabasso with grenades, blowing it up and seriously injuring him.

"Police are investigating the two attacks, and the injured are recovering at Sololo Mission Hospital in Moyale," he said.

Bandit attacks are frequent in the region, which is mostly inhabited by refugees who have fled from war-wracked Ethiopia and Somalia.

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