

Borno: 2 cops killed as farmers, herdsman clash

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TWO policemen have been killed in a clash between Shuwa/Fulani herdsman and farmers in Mafa local government area of Borno State.

The clash, which led to the death of an inspector and a corporal attached to the Mafa police division, occurred as a result of a dispute over a grazing reserve in the Kaku Village of the local government area.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer, Borno State Command, Bilyaminu Bello, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) said on receiving the information, 26 policemen were deployed to the scene to control the situation. But on sighting

the policemen, the herdsman started shooting, forcing the policemen to tactically withdraw.

But on getting to their base, the policemen discovered that two of their officers were missing. Consequently, another team of armed policemen was sent to the scene to search for the missing men. On arriving at the scene, the team found the badly mutilated corpses of the two missing officers as well as discovered that the two AK 47 rifles and 60 rounds of live ammunition earlier borne by the deceased had been carted away.

Saturday Champion gathered that the Shuwa/Fulani herdsman

had accused the farmers of encroaching into their grazing land and had consequently sent a message to the farmers, warning that they would invade and destroy their farmlands in the next 24 hours.

Commenting on the tragic incident, a farmer, Mallam Yakubu, called on the state government to properly demarcate cattle routes across the state and ensure strict adherence to it to forestall such conflicts in the future. He also urged the government to facilitate regular meetings among traditional rulers and representatives of the farmers and herdsman to promote understanding among them.

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