

Gunmen attack Benisheikh police station

ONE person was killed after gunmen attacked Benisheikh police station, near Maiduguri, on Sunday night, the police said in a statement yesterday.

Alhaji Bala Hassan, the Commissioner of Police in Borno, said in the statement that the gunmen launched an attack at the station around 7p.m but were repelled by policemen on duty.

“When the situation became tense, a reinforcement was sought from the crack unit close by.

“The attackers were repelled but they used a rocket launcher to attack the building, which destroyed part of the structure,” Hassan said.

He said the attackers also hit an armoured car with the launcher destroying the windscreen.

The commissioner, however, said that the attackers escaped after falling to the superior power of the police team.

“Unfortunately, one civilian was killed after the encounter. “He must have been hit by a bullet during the crossfire,” Hassan said.

He said that the police did not record any casualty during the attack. (NAN)