

Two policemen killed in clash

From Joseph Abiodun, Maiduguri

A clash between Shuwa/Fulani cattle rearers and farmers in Borno State has claimed the lives of two policemen.

The clash began when the pastoralists invaded some farmlands at Mafa Local Government Area.

The Nation learnt that the two slain policemen, a corporal with the mobile police unit and an inspector, were shot by the rampaging cattle breeders.

The Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Mohammed Sambo, who was out of the state, confirmed the incident in a telephone conversation.

The command spokesman, Bilyaminu Bello, said the slain policemen were part of the rescue team of 26 mobile and conventional policemen sent to forestall the breakdown of law and order in the area.

"Three days before our men were killed, some Shuwa/Fulani cattle breeders were reported to have invaded some rice farms at Karkur, Mafa Local Government. The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) deployed his men to the scene to install peace. But the pastoralists started shooting at the farmers upon sighting the policemen and seven people were seriously injured in the process," he said.

The PPRO said the cattle breeders had returned to the area the following day.

Bello said they rode on their horses, brandishing dangerous weapons, such as bows, arrows and guns. He said they claimed that they set ablaze farmlands, heaps of harvested rice and two motorcycles belonging to the farmers.

"The men arrived at the troubled area in the night and attempted to begin their operations to keep surveillance and forestall further attacks by the invaders. Unfortunately, the pastoralists seemed to understand the terrain better and because it was night, they started shooting our men. Then the team made a tactical withdrawal from the area, having got the signal," he added.

The PPRO noted that in the following morning, two of their men were missing, their bodies found on the farmland.

He added that their rifles, A.K 47 and 60 rounds of ammunitions, were carted away by the invaders.

Bello said the bodies of the slain policemen had been deposited at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) mortuary.

He said over 100 armed mobile policemen had been drafted to the area to arrest the culprits.

Jos, stopped the proceedings yesterday.

Though no official explanation on the judge's condition was given, his sudden illness raised doubts on the possibility of the MEND leader getting medical attention for a chronic kidney disease.

Falana, who appeared yesterday at the Appeal Court in Jos, with his

which decided that Okah's trial be heard in camera. But Okah, who is charged with treason, is seeking the leave of the appellate court to challenge the decision.

Falana, who is standing in for Okah on a 62-count charge, had urged the appellate court to order a stay of proceedings of the Federal High Court, Jos that ruled on April 22 that the trial should

leave to appeal against the decision of Justice Stephen Adah of the Federal High Court, Jos, made on May 2, 2005 in charge No FHC/ABJ/CR/178/2007.

Falana also seeks an order directing a departure from the rules of "this Honourable court directing that the appeal be heard upon the bound 'bundle of documents' titled

•Okah

'Record of Proceedings' in charge No. FHC/ABJ/CR/178/2007 attached to the affidavit..."

He is also praying the appellate court to have Justice Stephen Adah of the Federal High Court, Jos, stay further proceedings in the said charge, pending the final determination of the appeal.

Senate passes HYPPADEC bill

From Augustine Ehikioya, Abuja

AFTER clause-by-clause consideration yesterday, the Senate read for the third time and passed the bill seeking to establish the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC).

The commission, to be established through the bill, is expected to proffer solutions to the problems and challenges faced by the host communities of the HYPPADEC, especially in the area of environmental degradation.

According to the bill, the commission is to cover the activities in four states namely Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara and Niger, with its corporate headquarters to be cited in Minna, the Niger State capital.

The bill also stipulates in its Clause 11 (2): "There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section (a) 10 percent of the total revenue generated by the National

Electric Power Authority (NEPA) from Hydroelectric dams in Nigeria (Should be given to the Commission)."

The Federal Government is also expected to contribute fund by way of appropriation in amount not less than 40 per cent of the Commission's annual budget.

Clause 11 (20) (e) reads: "The Federal Government is also expected to contribute to the fund through appropriations through the National Assembly, a sum not less than 40 per cent of the

Commission's annual budget."

The commission, when established, is to spend N2.3 billion yearly for salary, furniture and equipment, vehicles and office rent.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Power, Steel Development and Metallurgy, Senator Nicholas Ugbane, in his presentation, said the commission would tackle the problems of the host communities of the Hydroelectric Power Producing States.

councils against spending any amount without the approval of the House.

The Speaker, Hon. Abdul'Aziz Garba Gafasa, who gave the directive at the House sittings yesterday, appealed to his colleagues to carefully examine the estimates and present reports by today (Wednesday) for deliberations.

Crisis in Ebiraland

From Mohammed Bashir, Lokoja

FEW weeks after Kogi State government had issued a White Paper on the crises in Ebiraland, some youths in Okeke Local Government yesterday engaged in gun duel.

The situation, according to an eyewitness, created fear for the residents of the area.

The Nation gathered that four people were feared dead.

The longtime peaceful atmosphere enjoyed by the people turned a nightmare, when some warring youths started shooting sporadically in the streets of Okene.



TENDER NOTICE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA NIGERIAN TREASURY BILLS

Notice is hereby given by the Central Bank of Nigeria that the Federal Government of Nigeria Treasury Bills of 91 and 182-day tenors amounting to N5,000,000,000 and N10,000,000,000 respectively would be issued by Dutch auction on Thursday, 27/11/2008.

All Money Market Dealers should submit bids through the CBN TEMENOS INTERNET BANKING between 9.00a.m and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 26/11/2008.

Each bid must be in multiple of N1,000 subject to a minimum of N10,000. Money Market Dealers are allowed to submit multiple bids. A bid may be for Money Market Dealers own account, Non - Money Market Dealers or interested members of the public. The result of the auction would be announced by 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 26/11/2008. The Bank reserves the right to reject any bid.

Allotment letters would be issued for successful bids on Thursday, 27/11/2008, while payment for the successful bids should be made to your account with Central Bank of Nigeria not later than 11.00am on Thursday, 27/11/2008.

*The Bank reserves the right to vary the amount on offer in line with market realities prevailing as at the period of auction of the Nigeria Treasury bills.

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Signed
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