

2 Stray cows kill 10 people in Soro cattle market —NEDC

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10 people have been killed by straying cows in recent years, during market days in Soro village in Ganjuwa LGA of Bauchi State, due to the siting of the cattle market close to residential area.

The member representing Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Mansur Manu Soro, stated this while briefing Deputy governor, Bauchi of the state, Baba Tela and the MD/CEO of North East Development Commission (NEDC), Dr Mohammad Goni Alkali, during an on-the-spot assess-

ment of the relocation of the market.

The lawmaker said "worried by the loss of lives in the cattle market, I made a request on the floor of the House and my request was forwarded to the NEDC for intervention. I am very happy that today, the project is moving on well."

He added that "considering the size and volume of cattle that come in every market day, we decided to expand the market to conveniently accommodate 3,000 cattle at a time and make business transactions easier for the people."

He said when completed,

the new cattle market will reduce congestion on the main highway and reduce the risk of people getting killed by oncoming vehicles during the market days.

Managing Director and CEO of NEDC, Dr Mohammad Goni Alkali said the Commission agreed to construct an international cattle market in Soro in order to safeguard the life of the people of the town who have fallen victim of attack by stray cows.

Goni Alkali, who expressed satisfaction with the quality of the work done so far, assured that the project would be completed by the end of

2021 and will be inaugurated for use in 2022.

He assured that every needed amenity such as electricity, water, public VIP toilets and other conveniences will be provided within the market for ease of doing business pointing out that it is part of the mandate of the Commission to intervene in areas that will make life easier for people of the North-East subregion.

The new international cattle market will have 48 locked up stalls, two restaurants that can accommodate 100 people at a time, a 200 capacity mosque, a mini cattle clinic, two boreholes and VIP toilets.

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