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# Youths avenge murder of farmer in Bauchi, kill 20 cows, 19 sheep, injure others

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SOME youths went on the rampage in a community in Bauchi State over the murder of a farmer by some herdsmen, killing 20 cows, 19 sheep, and injuring other animals in the process.

The state police command confirmed late on Friday that the 40-year-old farmer, Irmiya Yohanna, was murdered allegedly by the herdsmen at a village in Bogoro Local Government Area of the state, adding that the death created tension in the village.

According to the Public Relations Officer of the command, CSP Mohammed Ahmed Wakil, in a statement issued on Friday, the command received a report from one Emmanuel Bulus, the village head of Kaduna via Bogoro Local Government Area of Bauchi State that one Irmiya Yohanna went to a farm situated on the outskirts of the village on August 7.

According to the command, when he did not return home, a search was conducted within and around the farm, and his body was found there.

The PPRO added: "On receipt of the report, a team of policemen swung into action, visited the scene, and took the body to Bogoro General Hospital, where a doctor on duty certified him dead, while preliminary investigation revealed that he was suspected to have been killed by unknown persons."

As a result of the incident, some youths were said to have invaded some areas where animals are reared around the village, reportedly killing 20 cows and 19 sheep, while several others were injured.

The investigation further revealed that the deceased, who went to his farm in the morning, saw some cows grazing inside his farm. He told the herders to take the animals out of his farm, a request said to have resulted in a confrontation that led to his death.

It was also gathered that the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Aliyu Sani-Omolori, conducted an on-the-spot assessment of the scene. He also met the Chairman of Bogoro, Fulani heads (Ardo), traditional rulers, Sayawa leaders, and other stakeholders over the incident.

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