

One killed as B'Haram attacks herders in Borno

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At least one person was killed and unconfirmed number of cattle carted away in an attack on herders by suspected Boko Haram terrorists at Pumbum bush in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State, Monday afternoon. The incident went unnoticed in Maiduguri, the state capital, about 170 kilometres away, until Tuesday morning.

Commissioner of police in the state, Damian Chukwu, confirmed the attack. He said the

police were yet to ascertain the number of cattle stolen by the attackers. He said investigation on the attack was still on, urging residents to collaborate with the police and other security agencies to intensify surveillance for safety of life and property.

He also disclosed that the police received reports about a man suspected to have been slaughtered on his bed in Maiduguri on Monday evening. He said the deceased was reported to have stayed at home while other members of his family went for the Muslim evening prayers (Isha) at a nearby

mosque in the Bulumkutu area of the metropolis. They, however, found him on his bed in a pool of blood when they returned.

Chukwu said: "At about 22:01 hours yesterday, the lifeless body of one Umar Tela of Bulumkutu area, Maiduguri, was found on his bed in a pool of his blood. The deceased reportedly remained at home as his family members went for Isha (evening) prayers in a nearby mosque only to return home and meet him slaughtered by unknown person(s)."

He said investigation into the incident would continue.