

10 killed in Kogi, Borno, Taraba

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At least 10 people have been killed in gun and suicide attacks in Kogi, Borno and Taraba states.

Gunmen yesterday killed two policemen on Magongo-Okene Road in Kogi State.

The gunmen also made away with the AK47 rifles of the policemen who were on duty during the attack.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Wilson Inalegwu, confirmed the killing.

Inalegwu described the killing as sad.

The commissioner said the fleeing gunmen would be tracked down and prosecuted.

The Administrator of Ogori-Mangogo Local Government Area, Mr Moses Akande, in whose domain the incident took place, condemned the killing and described it as unfortunate.

Akande expressed the hope that the police would arrest the killers and bring them to justice.

In Borno State, three female suicide bombers killed two people and injured six others in an attack on a village, according to the police.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attack but it bears the hallmarks of Boko Haram.

The state PPRO, Victor Isuku, said the bombers detonated their explosives on Monday night in Mandarari Ward, Konduga Local Government Area, about 36 kilometres from Maiduguri about 9.30 p.m.

Also, three persons were killed in fresh conflict between herdsmen and farmers at Gazabu, Kungana, Tukun Ruwa, Ut-

sua Daa and Kpenkpen villages in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The state PPRO, ASP David Misal, disclosed this to journalists in Jalingo.

Misal said the command had deployed more security operatives in the remote areas affected in order to check further killings.

He said: "Yes we received reports that since Sunday, there has being a series of attacks in the remote communities in Bali Local Government Area of the state but the command is on top of the situation.

"Due to the remoteness of the affected areas, we can confirm three deaths for now but we will get back to you as soon as we get more updates."

Zaki David Gbaa, the Chief of Tiv in Bali (Ter Bali) and Chairman, Council of Tiv Traditional Rulers forum in Taraba, said 11 of his people were killed by herdsmen in the crisis.

Gbaa noted that herdsmen had attacked Gazabu, Kungana, Tukun Ruwa, Utsua Daa and Kpenkpen villages.

According to him, several people were killed while scores of others were injure.

He added that those who were injured were receiving treatment at the Bali General Hospital.

Gbaa said 1,765 people were currently taking refuge at the St. Paul Catholic Church and NKST Church all in Bali town.

On his part, the Lamdo Bakundi, Alhaji Misa Gidado, in whose domain the crisis broke out, told journalists that he had been holding a series of meetings with stakeholders to end the crisis.