

3 die in Adamawa herdsmen, farmers' clash

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**They're migrant herdsmen; troops deployed—POLICE*

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Yola—Three people were reportedly killed, while no fewer than six others were injured yesterday, when herdsmen clashed with farmers in Gereng community of Girei Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Reports from the area indicated that some members of the Gereng community, who went fishing in a pond in the area, were attacked by herdsmen.

The report added that members of the community launched a reprisal attack that led to high casualties on the side of the herdsmen.

Meanwhile, a suicide bomber and a local vigilante man were killed, yesterday morning, during an attempt by the bomber to sneak into a mosque at Dalori Quarters Housing Estate in Maiduguri, Borno State, at about 5:35a.m. during morning prayers.

Dalori Quarters is located near the University of Maiduguri and a large camp occupied by internally displaced persons, IDPs, mostly from Bama Local Government Area of the state.

Immediately the incident occurred, security operatives and humanitarian workers were mobilised to the scene.

Herdsmen/farmers

On the Gereng village incident, a resident of the community, who spoke to *Vanguard* on the condition of anonymity, disclosed that they have information from nearby communities that the herdsmen are mobilising and marching towards their community.

The villager said: "We have been alerted that the herdsmen have fully mobilised and are marching towards our community; but we are ready.

“The herdsmen are in large numbers and are armed to the teeth. We noticed some of them in the nearby bushes, preparing for the onslaught.”

Confirming the clash, Adamawa State Police Command said one person was killed, while four others were injured.

The Command's spokesman, SP Othman Abubakaar, said it was migrant herdsmen that attacked the Gereng village, using bows and arrows, adding that they disappeared into thin air afterward.

Othman maintained that a detachment of the military and the police have been dispatched to the area to maintain law and order.