

3 shot dead, others injured as Falani herders invade Delta community

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At least , three persons have been confirmed dead as suspected Fulani herdsmen invaded Okpolo-Enhwe community, Isoko South Local Government, Delta State.

Local sources from the community told Daily Sun Correspondent that the victims were yesterday, waylaid and shot dead by suspected herders in the wee hours the day .

The victims went to the bush to check their fishing nets.

The development has left the community in mourning mood and some residents have started fleeing their homes out of fear that the herders might launch another attack.

As at the time of filling this report yesterday's evening, palpable tension have already enveloped the community despite the presence of troops of soldiers drafted to the area.

Speaking in a telephone conversation with our Correspondent, President General of the community, Kennedy Idolo confirmed the killings, saying that two men were shot dead instantly while the other fainted and gave up the ghost out of the shock he suffered from the attack.

"I have been briefed and I can tell you categorically that three persons are dead at this moment and not two. Two of them were among the ones affected this morning; the third one died out of fright as he fainted while escaping from the scene. He was not hit by any bullet, but he died on his way while he was being rushed home.

"Okoro and Okoeta were killed by the invaders. I can't tell now the number of people injured, but they were going to their fishing lake at the early hours of the morning. They were ambushed in the bush without any provocation.

"The one called Youth by name, was shot dead on the spot while the other one was rushed to the hospital where he died. The third one collapsed out of the shock and died on his way home. They are all married men who were plying their trade at the fishing lake".

He said that the community had made move to deposite the corpses at the Morgan, but the victims families insisted that they must bury them immediately.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Bright Edafe said, he was not aware of the incident, but promised to reach out to the Divisional Police Officer in the area and revert back. He was yet to respond back as at 5:12pm .