

7 feared killed in fresh attack on Kogi Community

Gunmen on Saturday reportedly killed at least seven persons during an attack on Okele-Ejule in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State.

The attackers, said to be dressed in military camouflage, reportedly stormed the community at about 5 p.m. and opened fire indiscriminately, leaving several people dead

and others fleeing for safety.

Residents said the death toll could be higher, as another body was reportedly recovered from a nearby bush on Sunday morning.

The motive of the attack remains unclear, with residents giving conflicting accounts of what may have led to the killings.

While some community sources claimed that some of the victims had criminal records, others suspected a political motive behind the attack.

Some residents also described it as another incident involving unidentified gunmen.

A source alleged that some of those killed had been on the radar of the Department of State Services (DSS) over alleged involvement in kidnapping and other related crimes in Ejule and neighbouring communities.

"Those killed were alleged to be either kidnappers or informants," a source in the community said.

The Kogi State Police Command confirmed the incident, saying its operatives recovered three male corpses from a bush along the Ochadamu-Umomi Road in Ofu Local Government Area. In a statement, the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Saliu Oyiza Afusat, said: "On Saturday, 4th July 2026, at about 4:35 p.m., there was a report of three male corpses discovered in a bush along the Ochadamu-Umomi Road in Ofu Local Government Area."

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incident reportedly occurred on Saturday, July 4, at about 3:00 p.m., when two farmers, Mr Nkeruwem Ikoh and Mr Ukam Ajah Okpan, both of Orugbam Community, Erei, were allegedly attacked and shot by unidentified gunmen while working on their farmlands near Egbor Community.

"The victims were rushed to the village for immediate assistance. Regrettably, Mr. Nkeruwem Ikoh later succumbed to his injuries, while the second victim is currently receiving treatment. The deceased's body has been deposited at Uwana Mortuary, Afikpo, Ebonyi State.

"The Cross River State Police Command assures members of the public that a thorough investigation is underway to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident, identify those responsible, and ensure they are brought to justice.