

# 3 killed, others injured as Fulani herders invade Delta community

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**U**GHELLI—THREE persons have been confirmed dead after suspected marauding Fulani herdsman allegedly invaded Okpolo-Enhwe community in Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State.

Sources from the community told Vanguard's correspondent that the victims were waylaid and shot by the suspected herders in the early hours of Wednesday after they went to the bush to check their fishing nets. The development has

thrown the community into mourning, with some residents reportedly fleeing their homes for fear of further attacks.

As of the time of filing this report, palpable tension had enveloped the community despite the presence of soldiers deployed to maintain order and prevent unrest.

In a chat, the President-General of the community, Chief Kennedy Idolo, confirmed the killings, explaining that two men were shot dead instantly while another later died from shock while fleeing the attack.

"I have been briefed and I can tell you categorically that three persons have died and not two.

Two of them were among those attacked this morning, while the third fainted out of fright while escaping.

"He was not hit by any bullet but died on his way home while he was being rushed for help. One Youth Okoro and Okoeta were killed by the invaders. I cannot say for now how many others were injured, but they were on their way to their fishing lake in the early hours of the morning.

"The attackers laid siege to them in the bush and opened fire without any provocation. The one called Youth was shot dead on the spot, while the other

was rushed to the hospital where he later died. The third person collapsed out of shock and died while being taken home. They are all married men who were plying their trade at the fishing lake," he added.

He said the community had moved to deposit the corpses at the morgue, but the families insisted on burying them immediately.

When contacted, the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Bright Edefe, said he was not aware of the incident but promised to contact the Divisional Police Officer in the area and revert.

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