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Herders kill motorcyclist, kidnap female FUTO student

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OWERRI—UNEASY calm has enveloped Ihiagwa and Amaeze communities in Owerri North Local Government Area of Imo State following the killing of a commercial motorcyclist and the abduction of his female passenger by armed herdsman.

Confirming the incident in a short video clip, a family member of the kidnapped lady, who simply identified himself as Ibenyenwa, said:

"The lady is a student of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and the wife of one of my younger brothers. She was on her way to school when the ugly incident occurred. She was kidnapped by Fulani herdsman operating along the Ihiagwa-Amaeze Road. The slain motorcyclist is a native of Ihiagwa. This is what we are passing through now."

Meanwhile, the leadership of Nzuko Owere General Assembly, in a statement, condemned the killing of the motorcyclist and the abduction of the stu-

dent, calling for urgent action from security agencies.

The statement, signed by the National President, Hon. Dan Ikpeazu, and five others, read in part:

"Nzuko Owere General Assembly, the apex socio-cultural body of Owerri people, condemns in the strongest terms the continued killings and kidnappings of citizens of Owerri Federal Constituency by suspected Fulani herdsman and bandits.

"The latest disturbing episode occurred along the Amaeze-Ihiagwa Road, where a commercial motorcyclist from Ihiagwa was brutally killed by armed assailants. In the same attack, a female student who was his passenger was abducted and taken to an unknown destination. "This barbaric act is one killing too many. The lives of our people can no longer be treated as expendable. The Amaeze-Ihiagwa Road and other rural routes across Owerri Federal Constituency have become death traps and theatres of terror where farmers, students, traders, and transporters are ambushed daily with impunity.

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