

# Suspected ritualists kill 5 women in Delta

From Monday Osayande, Asaba

FIVE women have been killed in their farms by people suspected to be ritualists in Ibusa, a town near Asaba and its environs in Oshimili North Local Government of Delta State.

Their private parts and breasts were removed, although police confirmed that only two persons were killed.

Our correspondent learnt that those who dare to go to farm in the locality (Ibusa) especially non natives, are accompanied by armed men while the killing of an indigene by the assailants recently ignited protests. Because the killings were usually carried out in farms or farm roads, several farmers were said to have abandoned their farms for fear of being attacked while some relocated to other villages.

Several protests sponsored by the youths of the community have compelled the monarch of the community Obi (Prof.) Luis Nwaboshi to lead a delegation to the police to seek protection for women farmers as according to him, "the attack is mostly on women". Confirming the incidents yesterday, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Charles Muka who described the development as pathetic and unfortunate, said the command was working closely with the community's vigilante group to monitor and arrest the situation. Muka added that the police were yet to make any arrest in connection with the killings.