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Pregnant woman 'hacked to death' in Ekiti community

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A pregnant woman has been hacked to death by suspects alleged to be "herders" in Orin-Ekiti, in the Ido/Osi Local government Area of Ekiti State.

The incident reportedly took place yesterday at the town's farm settlement barely 48 hours to a referendum in the town on the vacant stool of the Olorin, the town's traditional ruler.

The indigenes were expected to vote "Yes" or "No" on the number of ruling houses in the community.

Despite the killing, the indigenes said the referendum would go ahead as planned on Saturday.

An indigene of the town, a former chairman of Ido/Osi Local Government, Prince Sanmi Olubummo, told journalists on phone that another victim of the attack was receiving treatment at a hospital.

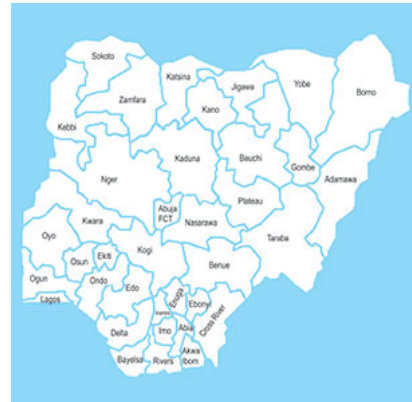
Olubummo said policemen from the Ido-Ekiti divisional headquarters visited the scene of the killing, but assured the residents that the situation was calm.

He said, "The incident happened inside the Orin Farm Settlement. Nobody knows what led to the crisis in the early hours of Thursday but our people said the Bororo herdsman killed the pregnant woman."

One of the elders of the town, the Onikare of Orin-Ekiti, High Chief Bamidele Fasuyi, said despite the killing, the referendum would still hold.

The Regent and the Olorin-in-Council said it would hold a referendum on Saturday to resolve some controversies surrounding the royal stool.

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