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Herdsmen kill 3 farmers in Kogi community

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Gunmen suspected to be herdsmen have killed three farmers in Bagana community in Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Daily Trust learnt that the farmers were returning home on Wednesday when they were ambushed along the Bagana-Abejukolo Road and in the process, three of them were killed; while another was critically injured.

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A resident of the community, who confirmed the incident, identified those killed as Samson Acheneje, Adah Audu and Monday Ocho; and the injured, Haruna Ajene.

Special Adviser to the Sole Administrator of Omala Local Government on Security Matters, Steve Shaibu, said the victims were returning from the farms when they were killed.

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He said prior to the attack, villagers around Obakume villages in Omala had made formal reports of the alleged mass movement of some Agatu militias from Benue State to the forest with sporadic gunshots, stressing that they (militias) might have killed some cows belonging to Fulani herdsman leading to a reprisal attack on the people of neighbouring Omala community.

He said a similar incident had occurred at Iyade near Abejukolo, the headquarters of the council, in which the Agatu militias allegedly unleashed terror on the herders which reprisals by the Fulanis led saw many innocent natives killed and houses in Omala burnt.

The spokesman of the state police command, William Aya, confirmed the incident.

He said the mobile police and conventional police officers had been drafted to the area to restore law and order.

He, however, stressed that he was yet to get the actual casualty figure, but said the situation had been brought under control.

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