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## 4 killed as herdsmen, farmers clash in Ogun

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Four persons were reportedly killed yesterday at Iwoye area of Imeko-Afon Local Government Area of Ogun State when herdsmen and farmers clashed.

The clash was said to have broken out when suspected Fulani herdsmen made their cattle to drink from the community stream and pollute it.

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A local, who was said to have challenged the action of the herdsmen, was reportedly shot dead.

Irate community members were said to have mobilised for a reprisal.

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A source said the move by police officers to arrest the perpetrators backfired when some hoodlums, said to be herdsmen, laid ambush and opened fire on the security agents.

One of the civilian accomplices of the policemen was reportedly killed in the ambush; while the Divisional Crime Officer in charge of Imeko and a police inspector were equally shot.

A resident said six persons had so far been killed from both sides.

The spokesman of the state police command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the clash, but said only one death had been ascertained.

He said the Commissioner of Police, Bashir Makama, had visited the scene and that investigation was ongoing.

He blamed the incident on migrant herdsmen from neighbouring countries, who invaded the community and subsequently escaped after wrecking havoc.

He said Makama also met with the Commissioner of Police from Benin Republic at the border where they held a joint meeting on how to prevent recurrence.

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