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Four killed in Edo community

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Four persons have been reportedly killed in Iguelaba community in Orhionmwon Local Government Area of Edo state following a clash in the community.

Spokesperson for the community, Vasco Ogie, during a protest over the killings, said four non-indigenes residing in the area, including three males and a female, were allegedly killed by unknown attackers in the last two weeks.

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According to him, residents in the community could no longer engage in farming activities as a result of fear of being attacked, noting that they have reported the issue to the police and the state government.

Ogie said other communities also being attacked by the suspected intruders include Oben, Ikobi, Obozogbe-Nugu, Umughunmwun-Nokhun and Ugbakele. He therefore called on the state government to come to their rescue so that they can continue to go to the farm.

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Addressing the protesters, the state commissioner for Arts, Culture and Diaspora, OsazeOsemwegie-Ero, urged members of the community to remain calm, as a meeting has been scheduled for next week to be attended by representatives from the community and relevant authorities to ensure a lasting solution to the attacks.

“The governor is not happy with the situation and he is concerned about your pains. The reported killings, barring people from going to their farms and attack on women is totally unacceptable. We will continue to apply diplomacy in dealing with the issues,” he said.

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