

Ododo reads Riot Act to Kogi community over herder's killing

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Governor Ahmed Usman Ododo of Kogi State has condemned the alleged killing of a Fulani in Isanlu, Yagba East Local Government Area of the state.

A statement on Monday by the Commissioner for Information and Communications, Hon. Kingsley Fanwo, said the governor had convened an emergency security meeting over the incident to avert reprisal attack and to restore peace in the community.

"The governor summoned the emergency security meeting to listen to both sides in order to take actions that will guarantee peace and security. This is to forestall reprisal attacks that could put the community under threat," the statement read.

He said the governor had to cut short his trip to Abuja, where he was to receive an award, to return to the state to stem the "rising security temperatures in Isanlu.

The statement added: "The governor had

a robust meeting with the people of Isanlu and the Fulanis yesterday in Government House, Lokoja, where he listened to their grievances and addressed them accordingly.

"He frowned at a situation where people would take laws into their hands by killing fellow humans, saying such is not acceptable and that perpetrators will face the full wrath of the law.

"He has directed that some traditional rulers in the affected areas be properly interrogated in order to get to the root of the matter. He has also directed that a particular traditional ruler be suspended due to his role in the saga."

The governor urged leaders in Isanlu community to warn their subjects to desist from actions that constitute insecurity in Yagba East and the entire Yagba Federal Constituency.

He, therefore, urged them to fish out the criminal elements among them as his administration will go after every criminal in the state, regardless of tribe.