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Bayelsa community protests alleged killing of woman by herdsmen

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There is palpable tension and outrage as angry youths of Opume community in Ogbia Council of Bayelsa took to the streets, blocking all roads to the town following the killing of a 39 years old woman by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

The murdered woman, identified as Waadu Alfred, was reportedly tied to a stake, raped and dealt deadly machete cuts on her body by her assailants.

Our correspondent gathered that after she was declared missing at the weekend, a search party was organised by the community, where they discovered her decomposing body in the bush.

On sighting the body, angry youths of the community blocked the route leading in and out of Nembe-Ogbia road, threatening to retaliate against the suspected herdsmen.

Our correspondent learnt it took the intervention of the police and elders of the community before normalcy was restored.

The spokesman for the Bayelsa Police Command, Asinim Butswat, confirmed the development and said investigation into the incident had commenced.

Recall that Bayelsa State Government had last week confirmed shoot-out between security operatives and Fulani herdsmen in the Ogbia-Nembe area of the state,

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resulting in the arrest of an unspecified number of suspects.

The suspects are presently cooling their heels at the Okaka Correctional Centre, while about 150 cows are in the custody of the state government pending investigation.

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