

Delta Women Protest Herdsmen's Killing Of Father, Sons



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The women protesters

ASABA – Hundreds of women in Abraka, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State, on Thursday protested the alleged killing of one Mr. Egba and his two sons by suspected herdsmen in the area.

The protesters who barricaded all roads leading to both communities called for the intervention of the Federal Government and Governor Ifeanyi Okowa in the alleged killings in the area.

The women were joined by their counterparts from Obiaruku, a neighbouring community to Abraka; they decried the constant attacks from the herdsmen on farmers from both communities.

They said Mr. Egba and his two sons were allegedly murdered by bandits believed to be Fulani herdsmen during the week in their farmlands.

The women protesters alleged that herdsmen had taken over farmlands and forests in both communities sharing boundary with Edo State.

They demanded that the state government flushes out the herdsmen from their farmlands to enable them to return to farms.

“The Fulani herdsmen have been killing our people in our farmlands. This week, our brother (Egba) and his two sons were killed while in their farms. Due to the fear of the attacks, we no longer go to farms. We want to return to farm because of the hardship.

“These women you see here are from Abraka and Obiaruku. Besides killings, these herdsmen evade our farms with their cattle and eat our produce. Once you challenge them, they will shoot or rape you. The Abraka forest is a no-go area. They have established settlement there. The forest is like a forest of its own,” one of the protesting women told our correspondent.

The women who sang Urhobo war songs demanded Governor Okowa and security agencies in the state to urgently intervene.

The protest resulted in traffic gridlock as travellers plying the Agbor/Abraka and other access roads were blocked by the women.

Meanwhile, Chairman of Ethiope East Council, Hon. Victor Ofobrukuta, who addressed the women, assured to take their concerns to Governor Okowa for immediate resolution.

Ofobrukuta, however, pleaded with the protesting women to open the roads for traffic.



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