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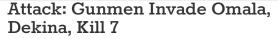
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Double tragedy struck at Ikpoba, a border town between Dekina and Omala in Omala local government, Kogi State, when suspected Fulani herdsmen numbering about 20, attacked mourners and killed four persons.

The herdsmen also allegedly attacked a village, Ogane-Inugu in Dekina local government killing a couple and their daughter while making their escape from

Narrating the incident, the only surviving male child of the Oruma Akochi family, Dairu Isah told LEADERSHIP that his eldest brother, Mallam Seidu Isah died after a brief illness and was being buried and it was while the family members were gathered at the burial site in the company of sympathisers that the attackers struck

He said his younger brother, Murtala Isah, was killed by a bullet from the suspected herdsmen.

Dairu said Murtala's sister-in-law who came on a condolence visit from Ogbogogo, near Egume in Dekina local government was equally. shot dead in the melee, while her son was hit by the stray bullet and left in a pool of blood.

 $The \ chairman \ of \ Omala \ local \ government, \ Hon \ Labaran \ Oyigebe, \ who \ spoke \ with \ LEADERSHIP, \ through \ the \ secretary \ of \ the \ council, \ Mr$ Julius Atabor, lamented the incident, which he said was uncalled for, considering that members of the community had been co-existing with the herdsmen, who were fingered in the attack, for a long time now.

Efforts to get police confirmation of the killings were unsuccessful as the public relations officer of the police command, ASP Emeka Emeh did not respond to calls to his mobile phone but a senior police officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said investigation into the incident had commenced

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