

MURDER: 2 Boys Killed In Delta Community

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Two boys aged 10 and 11, identified as Mike and John (surnames withheld) have allegedly been murdered in the boundary between Edo and Delta by suspected Fulani herdsmen who are said to be terrorizing Ogan and Alifekade communities in Delta State.

Reports said that the corpses of the teenage boys were on Monday evening found in the bush after they left their house for farm on Sunday morning.

It was gathered that the two boys were sent on an errand to the farm by their parents but never returned home.

The parents were said to have conducted a search with police detectives from Abudu Police station but to no avail until the following day when they acted on a tip-off and found their bodies in the bush, mutilated with cutlass wounds.

A man who said he was the father of the victims, one Sylvester, said the community

had been under siege of suspected herdsmen in the last few years, especially their settlement between Ogan community and Alefikede. He disclosed that the suspects had allegedly killed over three persons in the bush.

Police officers at the Abudu Police Division in Edo State, who did not want their names in the print, said the corpses of the victims were seen with several machete cuts, indicating that they were murdered by the suspects allegedly terrorizing their farmlands.

They pledged to do everything possible to unravel those behind the killings.

When contacted, Delta State police spokesperson, DSP Celestina Kalu, said she was not aware of any such incident, promising to investigate the report.

But other sources believe the killing might be the handiwork of ritualists who have been active in the area, adding that in other recent killings, vital organs were removed from the slain persons.