

Lion kills man in Oyo

From Bode Durojaiye, Oyo

A FULANI herdsman has been killed by a lion at Imini in Afijio Local Government Area of Oyo State.

It was learnt that the lion had been roaming the bush around the community for about to a week.

Sources said the lion was earlier sighted in Sooku on the Iseyin road, where it killed some domestic animals.

It was learnt that the herdsman was trying to protect his cattle from the lion when the wild animal tore him apart.

A source said: "The Fulani man brought out his dagger to prevent the lion from attacking his cattle, but the lion rushed at him and tore him apart. One of his cows was also killed. The others ran away."

Some residents fled the village out of fear.

Elders of the community contacted the authorities of the Old Oyo National Park to evacuate the lion, but nothing has been done.

The community has hired some hunters to capture the lion.

A director of the Old Oyo National Park, Mallam Ibrahim Goni, told our correspondent on the phone that the establishment was contacted by the community for help.

He said the situation was beyond the park, adding that the case had been referred to the Commissioner for Agriculture.

We won't delay budget, says Ondo