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Two feared killed as suspected herdsmen attack Delta community

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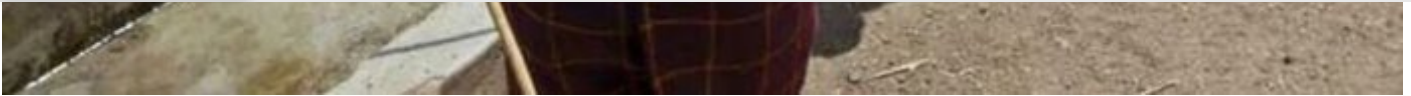
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Two persons were yesterday feared killed and houses torched at Effurun-Otor in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, following an attack by suspected herdsmen.

But the police in a phone chat last night debunked the report of casualties.

They said the situation had been brought under control, adding that investigations were on.

Community sources told *The Nation* that two people were confirmed dead. They said many houses were burnt down.

The traditional ruler of the community, Orovworere of Effurun-Otor Kingdom, King Duku II, reportedly escaped death by a whisker when the suspected herdsmen stormed his palace.

Although the cause of the attack could not be ascertained last night, it was learnt that the invaders stormed the community with weapons, shooting into the air sporadically.

Contacted for comments, command spokesman Andrew Aniamaka said there was an incident in the community, but he could not confirm any death or the identity of the attackers.

He, however, said the situation had been brought under control, adding that stakeholders had moved to prevent reprisal.

"I'm not aware of any death. I know it's a crisis having to do with vigilance group, not herders and farmers clash. The matter has been brought under control."

"The Ughelli Area Commander, DPO Otu-Jeremi and the police have ensured that things are now under control."



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