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## 2 Bandits kill six in Ondo farms attack

**S**IX persons were killed in separate attacks on four farming communities of Molege, Ugboruwen, Elerinta and Adedigba in Ose Local Government Area of Ondo State when bandits attacked them.

The attack followed attempts by some farmers to fight off herders from destroying their crops.

Houses, cars and motorcycles were burnt, while the bereaved families killed some cows as payback.

A community leader, Owolafe Folorunsho, said the herders have continually invaded

From Osagie Otabor, Akure

their farmlands at night and harvest their crops to feed their animals.

He said: "They will come during the day, force us to uproot the cassava by ourselves at gunpoint and ask us to cut them into pieces to feed their cows. In order not to take laws into our hands, we reported to the appropriate authority who chased them out of the farming areas, only for them to come back and attack us with dangerous weapons.

"The terrorists laid ambush,

attacked some traders coming from Akure and killed all the occupants before taking their money and set the car ablaze."

Oba Rotimi Obamuwagon said the herders destroyed four hectares of Cassava farm belonging to one of his subjects who borrowed money to finance the farm.

The Odibiado of Ijagba, Oba Andrew Ikioya Ilevare, said the bandits have now resulted to harvesting plantains and selling at the market.

Chairman of the local government, Prince Adekunle Dennis, who visited the communities, said something would be done

to checkmate the herdsman's excesses.

Prince Dennis promised to meet with relevant authorities and stakeholders to push for a redesigning of the area's security architecture.

He also admonished the youths to improve on intelligence information gathering that would enable them prevent recurrence. The council boss said efforts were on to recover the four camps from the terrorists.

Police spokesperson Funmilayo Odunlami said policemen have been deployed to secure the area.

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