Ondo women protest over herders' attacks



Women from Simerin Uba, Ikanmu and Oka communities in Akoko Southwest Local Government Area of **Ondo State** have protested half naked over incessant attacks by herders and continuous destruction of their farmlands.

A farmer in Uba, Mr. Sunday Ayeni, was last Sunday killed by suspected herders.

The villagers pointed fingers at herders who they claimed were not happy over the compensation they paid to Ayeni for destroying his crops.

Witnesses said the half nude women stormed the palace of Olubaka of Oka Akoko, Oba Adebori Adeleye, during a security meeting.

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The protesting women urged the monarch to ensure justice was served on the killers of Ayeni as well as end herdsmen attacks in the communities.

They said many of them had been raped by herdsmen on their farms.

Mrs Abigail Ojo, who spoke on behalf of the protesters, said they were scared of going to their farms.

The monarch assured the women that the situation would be handled by the relevant agencies.