

Kogi community killing: Ododo orders crackdown on culprits



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Kogi State Governor, Ahmed Ododo, has ordered immediate crackdown on the people responsible for the recent death of two men in Odo-Ape community, Kabba-Bunu Local Government Area of the state.

Gunmen alleged to be herdsmen allegedly attacked and killed the two men said to be farmers on Friday, prompting tension in the area.

A statement issued on Saturday by the state's Commissioner for Information and Communications, Kingsley Fanwo, revealed that the governor directed his Security Adviser to work in synergy with

security agencies and local vigilante groups to ensure that the perpetrators were apprehended and brought to justice.

“The government is putting all hands on deck to ensure the attackers do not escape justice,” the statement read.

Governor Ododo urged residents to remain calm and avoid reprisals.

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The statement added: “We sympathise with the communities affected by this unfortunate incident. Rest assured the Ododo administration is fully committed to your security and will stop at nothing to guarantee your safety.”

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The state government also called on the public to provide credible information that could assist security agencies in their efforts to apprehend the culprits.

It added: “Every life in Kogi State is important, and we need the cooperation of our people to end criminal activities.

“Security operatives have already been deployed to Odo-Ape and other flashpoints in the area to restore peace and ensure the protection of lives and property.”