

Herders kill five labourers in Ondo community



Five persons have been killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen at Ajegunle-Powerline community in Akure North Local Government, **Ondo State**.

The victims were said to be labourers hired from Plateau and Kaduna states.

A farmer, Akin Olowolafe, said the attack took place about 3pm on Tuesday.

He said: "These Fulani herdsmen killed five of our labourers. We have reported them to the state government and security agencies but no positive actions were taken to stop them on our farmlands.

"They entered the farmlands on Tuesday as we were working and they started shooting sporadically in the air and killed five people during the attacks."

He said activities of herdsmen and armed robbery had made life unbearable for them.

Olowolafe claimed that many farmers had fled their farms for fear of being killed.

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A labourer, Fidelis Daniel said: "They (herdsmen) came around 3pm on Tuesday to destroy our farms and we have warned them not to come to our farmlands again but they didn't listen, and when they came they just started shooting and killed five of our people. We took them to the mortuary.

"I was on the farm when the incident happened. I heard the sound of guns, and ran to the house. God that saved me.

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"Three of the victims were from Plateau State and two from Kaduna State."

Daniel, who also called on the Commissioner of Police, Wilfred Afolabi, the Commander of the State Security Network Agency (Amotekun Corps), Adetunji Adeleye, and others relevant security agencies to take steps to end the attacks, said the situation was worrisome and is affecting the morale of the farmers.

It was men of the Hunters and Vigilantes Association in Akure North Local Government Area that reportedly took the bodies of the slain to the mortuary.

Spokesman for the Ondo State Police Command, Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, who confirmed the incident, said: "There was an attack on the community, and police are still investigating. But I cannot confirm the number of people that were killed."