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Security beefed up after killing of herdsman in Delta

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DELTA State government and the police have stepped up investigation into the cause of the killing of a herdsman in Ossisa town of Ndokwa East of the state, last weekend.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that youths of the community and Fulani herdsman engaged in a gun duel that resulted in pandemonium among the villagers who had to scamper for safety.

Although normalcy had returned, according to a source who preferred anonymity, security was being beefed up to forestall recurrence while the victim had been buried in Asaba, Delta State.

Nigerian Tribune also learnt the herdsman who was shot during the gun battle brought to three the

number of cattle rearers killed in the area in recent times.

Further checks by the *Nigerian Tribune* revealed that a reprisal following the incident was nipped in the bud by the state government and security forces.

The Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to Governor Ifeanyi Okowa on Security, Chief Casidy Iloba, told the *Nigerian Tribune*, on Tuesday, that the state government was doing everything possible to broker peace between Ossisa community and the herdsman, adding that anybody found wanting in the course of the investigation would be brought to book.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andy Aniamaka, said security had been intensified.