

Suspected Fulani herdsmen kill Ondo gov's aide's cousin

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SUSPECTED Fulani herdsmen on Friday killed a 48-year-old farmer, Dayo Ibiye, in Ajowa Akoko in Akoko North West Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Ibiye, a father of seven, had reportedly left for his farm in the early hours of Friday but was later found dead on the farm.

Speaking on the incident, a cousin of the deceased and Senior Special Assistant to Governor Rotimi Akeredolu on New Media, Mr Gani Muhammed, explained that Ibiye had an altercation with some herdsmen on Thursday.

According to Muhammed, the herdsmen and their cattle were prevented from entering Ibiye's farm on Thursday with the herdsmen insisting that they could graze their cattle anywhere.

He alleged that the altercation ensued between him and the herdsmen following

the destruction of parts of his farm by cows.

He said: "This infuriated Ibiye who warned them against destroying his farm but the herdsmen promised to return.

"The herdsmen returned as promised and in the process of preventing the herdsmen and their cows from destroying his farm, he was macheted and strangled to death.

"It is apparent that Ibiye was macheted but when the Fulani herdsmen noticed that he was not affected by their machete, they overpowered him and strangled him."

Muhammed said the incident was reported at the police station in the area, while the police operatives who visited the scene of the incident removed the corpse and deposited it at a morgue.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Tee Leo Ikoro, said he could not confirm the incident, claiming that he had yet to be briefed on the case.