

# Again three killed, 13 others kidnapped in Edo

•As community protests abduction at govt house

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**B**ARELY 48 hours after the Edo State government announced the rescue of the last two Iguben Trail Station kidnap victims, three persons have been killed while 13 others were kidnapped on Wednesday in Emokpae community, Ovia North East Local Government Area of the state.

Addressing newsmen at the Edo State Government House on Friday in Benin City, leader of the group who identified himself as

Commander Egua, said the incident happened on Wednesday afternoon.

He said the bus conveying their children who were returning from school and market women were accosted by suspected Fulani herdsman and were taken into the forest.

Egua alleged the herdsman, who allegedly appeared from the bush, have killed three of their victims already while others are still being held captive.

"I am commander Egua, commander in charge of Agor Emokpae environ under Edo State Security Network.

"Yesterday, as at 3pm, when our children were returning from school from the neighbouring community, the herdsman invaded the road, took our children. Even the bike men that went to take them from the school, they were also kidnapped in the process.

"One minibus that was also taking passengers to the nearby community was stopped and the passengers were also kidnapped.

"As we speak, 15 persons have been kidnapped and three of them have already been killed by the herdsman,"

he said.

Egua said they had decided to take the protest to the Government House having heard about how the governor mobilised all the security agencies in the state to rescue the over 20 train passengers kidnapped recently at Igueben.

"So, we have come to solicit the help of the government because we heard of an incident that happened at Igueben where about 20 persons were kidnapped, they mobilised all the security agencies in the state in freeing their hostages."

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