

Resurgence of suspected herdsman killings of farmers in Oyo, Ogun must stop —Igboho

Urges security agencies to arrest, prosecute culprits

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C HIEF Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho, on Sunday declared that the resurgence of suspected herdsman killings of farmers in Iwere-Ile community of Iwajowa Local Government Area and some other towns in Oke Ogun axis of Oyo State, must be curtailed by security agencies.

He also stated that alleged skirmishes between some rogue herdsman and farmers in some parts of Ogun State should be urgently addressed by the Police and other security agents in order not to disrupt the peace of agrarian settlements.

In a personally signed press statement forwarded to the Nigerian Tribune, Adeyemo said, "We are calling on the Police, the Department of State Security (DSS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and the Nigerian Army to address the fragile security breaches now before the

situation gets out of hand.

The statement added: "We are saddened that the killings of our farmers innocently eking their living have started rearing its ugly head again. This worrisome development calls for sober reflection bearing in mind the current hardship in the country.

"The recent ambush and killing of operatives of Amotekun Security Corps, including other security agents who were trying to restore normalcy in Iwere-Ile community after the suspected herdsman have murdered our kinsmen in Iwere-Ile must be investigated and the culprits must be made to face the music."

"While we commend Oyo State governor, Engineer 'Seyi Makinde and his counterparts in Ogun State, Prince Dapo Abiodun, for their efforts to ensure peace and healthy developments in their respective states, we are challenging the heads of security agencies to act now before the situation worsens.

"However, while we believe in the peaceful co-existence in Nigeria regardless of tribe, religion and political cleavages, we are issuing a seven-day ultimatum to herdsman killing our people in any part of South West to vacate our communities now. This warning is very important. We are not going to take laws into our hands, but they must leave.

"For now, we have belief in the capability of the Federal Government under the leadership of President Bola Tinubu to ensure and guarantee the safety of lives and properties, particularly of farmers in Nigeria."

We must not tolerate any act that can further push up the prices of food and other edible commodities.

"We are also appealing to Oyo and Ogun State governors to as a matter of urgency deploy more security agents and architectures to all the flashpoints where there are increase in Fulani herdsman/farmers clashes for peace to reign."