

Suspected herdsmen kill farmer in Ogun

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Suspected herdsmen have killed a farmer on his farm in Fagboun village in the Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The village head, Chief Simeon Fagbohun, disclosed this to our correspondent on Saturday.

Fagboun, while narrating how it happened, said the suspected herdsmen allegedly hacked a farmer identified as Araba to death around 4pm on Friday on his farm.

He said the villagers woke up to see a large numbers of herdsmen who invaded their village.

He stated that farming was the major occupation in the village, adding that they didn't know what argument ensued between Araba and the herders.

Fagboun said, "What we know is that they (the herders) took their cows to his farm. He resisted and they hacked him to death. We didn't see the herdsmen who perpetrated the evil. We have informed the police. In fact, the area commander is also aware.

"The police took the corpse to Ilaro. But we have taken the corpse from the police because if they are allowed to take the corpse to the mortuary, it will cost the family more expenses before they can take it back. We buried the corpse same day."

Lamenting the havoc wreaked by the herdsmen, Fagboun said the cows were many in the village and the grasses which they fed on had dried up.

The Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident.

Oyeyemi said the police had yet to identify the killers of the farmer, adding that the command had swung into action to unravel the perpetrators of the act.

He said the police discovered that the deceased was macheted in the head and in the hand. But the police have begun an investigation to know the killers. The commissioner of police has directed the homicide section to commence a full-scale investigation into the matter and bring the perpetrators to book."