

# Herdsmen attack Edo community, kill five, injure others

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Killer herdsmen went on the rampage in Odiguetue in the Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State on Thursday as they killed five people left many with various injuries on many.

It was gathered that the herdsmen, who a month ago, attacked security personnel in the locality and burnt down a patrol van, came back on Thursday morning to unleash mayhem on the locals, who for some time, had been resisting the headers from feeding their cows with the farm produce of the villagers.

A community leader, Lt. Commander Anthony Ogie (retd), who narrated the ordeal said, "For some time now, the herdsmen have been harassing us. One can't go to the farm anymore because of them.

"Last week, around 7pm, they came close to the houses, shooting, but when the people came out, they went back to the bush.

"Then on Thursday, people were on their farms when the herdsmen came and killed three people. That was in the morning. Later in the evening, they came again and killed two more but on the expressway. There is a police checkpoint on the highway. The police saw them but didn't do anything.

"Anytime the herdsmen come, we usually call the police and soldiers, who will come but will not go into the bush where the herdsmen have their camps, even when the villagers volunteer to lead the security men. Odiguetue is a peaceful community," Ogie lamented.

Another community leader, Elder John Osagiede, said that he information that the village was going to be attacked and tried to reach the authorities to no avail.