

Herdsman invade Enugu communities, kill

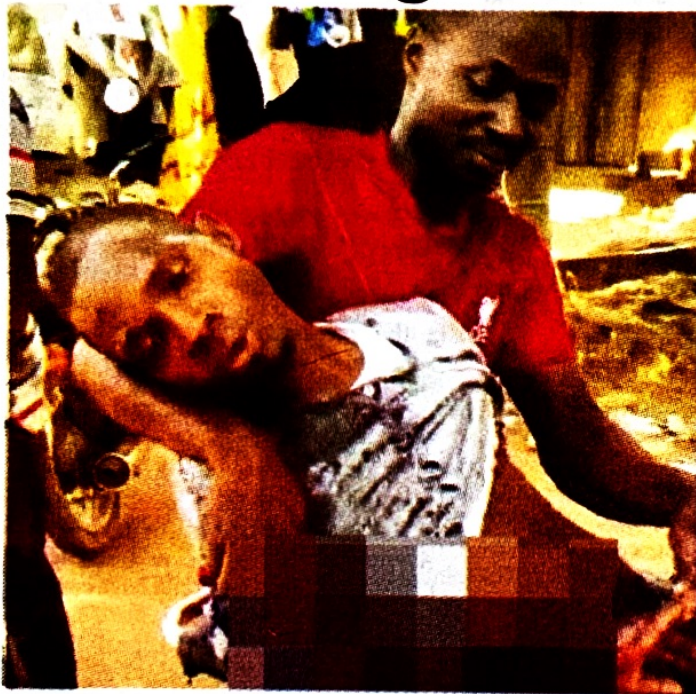
Raphael Ede, Enugu

NO fewer than 13 persons have been allegedly killed by suspected herdsmen who invaded Agu-Amede, Mgbuji and Eboh communities, in Eha-Amufu, in the Isi-Uzo Local Government Area of Enugu State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the attack started when armed herdsmen, who invaded Ohualu Mgbede village in Agu-Amede on Saturday and Monday, killed eight people.

A community leader, Samuel Ezeh, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said the armed herdsmen declared war on Eha-Amufu communities, adding that between Saturday and Tuesday, no fewer than 13 persons had been reportedly killed.

Ezeh said, "Yesterday's attack was carried out in a village called Ohualu Mgbede and seven persons were confirmed



•One of the victims

dead. That is for those we have recovered their corpses. This morning, the Fulani herdsmen came again in a village called

Iyi Asa but no death has been reported yet."

A resident in Eha-Amufu, Onyekachi Odo, said the

herdsmen launched the attack in the early hours, adding that people who left their homes to the farm in the morning were mostly affected.

Odo said, "Early in the year, they sacked 14 villages, looted properties and burnt houses. Now, they have come down to Eha-Amufu towns. The village of the Labour Party's Governorship candidate for the 2023 election in Enugu State, Hon Chijioko Edeoga, has been sacked."

The spokesman for Mgbuji community, Chijioko Ogbodo, described the attack on the community as an act of war, adding that despite alerting the state Governor, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, and security agents in the state, no security operatives had been mobilised to the communities as of 12pm.

Ogbodo said, "Since the (herdsmen) started attacking our community, neither the police nor the military have arrested any of the terrorists.

13, sack residents

We received information on the attack this morning and alerted all the security agencies.

"I called the state Governor, Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi; I called the state Director of Security Services, and I called the state Commissioner of Police.

"We have notified all the security agencies but as of 12pm, we are yet to see any single soldier or police. Our communities are being razed down and after the attack, the government will deploy soldiers dominated by Northerners to shield the jihadists."

"If the Nigerian police and other security agencies, especially the military cannot protect the people of the South East, then why are they after the Eastern Security Network that helped communities farmed this season. Now we can't harvest our crops because so many of the ESN members have been killed."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Daniel

Ndukwe, in a text message sent to our correspondent, said, "I have to verify please."

CU debunks rap

Segun Adewole

THE Covenant University has debunked allegations that female students of the school are being sexually harassed and raped by workers of the institution.

PUNCH Metro gathered that people had been accusing some workers of sexually harassing and raping female undergraduates of the institution.

Lamenting over the incident on social media, a man, while using his Instagram handle, @Otitoo, called for urgent intervention to prevent a situation that would lead to the death of a student.

The post read, "CU girls are being raped and nothing is being