

Land agent's killing: Delta gov's aide laments rise in kidnapping

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THE Senior Special Assistant on Civil Society and Youth Mobilisation to the Delta State Governor, Harrison Gwamnishu, has decried the rise in kidnapping in some parts of the state allegedly perpetrated by some Fulani herders.

Gwamnishu disclosed this in multiple Facebook posts on Thursday while referencing the death of a female land agent, Esther Osaze, whose dead body was found on Wednesday.

PUNCH Metro reports that

Esther was abducted on Monday on her way returning from the estate site alongside other colleagues.

It was learnt that she, with three other people, went to inspect a piece of land close to the Nigerian Admiralty University, Ibasu, when they were attacked by the gunmen.

However, her body was found dead on Wednesday in the Ibasu community, Oshimili North Local Government Area, Delta State.

While expressing sadness over Esther's death, the SSA



•Gwamnishu noted that some of the victims were still in the kidnappers' den because their families could not

pay the requested ransom.

He wrote, "Esther was tragically killed by kidnappers who had been operating in Ibasu, Ogwashi, Azagba, Issele-Azagba, and Ubulu-Uku for months.

"As a realtor, she was abducted while in the bush behind the Admiralty University, and her lifeless body was discovered yesterday. It is important to note that there are still other kidnapped victims in the bush whose families can't pay the huge ransoms demanded.