

# 3 killed in foiled robbery by herdsmen

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**AT** least three persons were killed at the weekend along the Benin-Sapele expressway, in Oghara, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, when a motorist rammed into a blockade of Fulani herdsmen.

The herdsmen were said to have blocked the road, apparently with the intention of carrying out violence crime, but the courageous motorists drove into the blockade and knock down three of the herdsmen.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Zanna Ibrahim, confirmed the incident in Asaba during a peace meeting/dialogue with the leadership of herdsmen across the state.

Ibrahim lamented the activities of herdsmen in communities across the state, saying no fewer than 75 persons had lost their lives in violent conflicts between herdsmen and their host communities, just as 52 cows had been lost in the process.

The commissioner said herdsmen bear arms with which they attack innocent citizens of host communities, adding that they were also involved in other social vices, including rape, kidnapping and armed robbery.

On the way out of the constant clashes between herdsmen and their host communities, he said night grazing should be discouraged, adding that his command would soon embark on the mopping up of light firearms from the herdsmen.