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Herdsman kills farmer in Oyo

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A farmer at Igbeti, in Oke Ogun area of Oyo State, Musiliu Aliu, was, on Wednesday, hacked to death by Fulani herdsman for allegedly administering poison on the crops in his farm, which the cattle ate and died.

Daily Sun gathered that Aliu was killed in his farm few days after the cattle died. He was alleged to have put chemical on the crops - yam seeds he had preserved for this planting season. Apart from Aliu, a woman was reportedly hospitalised after she was stabbed in the stomach by herdsmen and no fewer than 10 houses were burnt in connection with the development. Meanwhile, Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Abiodun Odude, who confirmed that one person died, stated that peace has returned to Igbeti. "A farmer, who was a Yoruba man, put poison on his crops and the cattle of the man ate it and died. The owner was annoyed and organised and killed the farmer."

Other farmers in the area, the dead farmer had preserved some yam seeds for planting at the appropriate time. But, the cows of the Fulani man ate some of the yams, which triggered quarrel. Fasina stated further that the woman, who was stabbed "was in the farm when another Fulani man attacked her.

"The man wanted to rob her. He told her to bring the money on her but when she was reluctant, he wanted to use his sword to cut the purse she tied to her waist..."

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