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Widow raped, killed in Anambra

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A middle-aged widow has been raped and killed by persons suspected to be Fulani herdsmen.

She was killed on her farm.

The incident took place last Saturday, in Nteje, Oyi local Government Area of the state and the matter is already raising tension and confusion in the area.

Some sources in Nteje said news of the woman's murder spread round the community on Saturday at the discovery of the woman's corpse. However, the full identity of the deceased has become a cause of confusion as some people from Nteje community disagreed with the monarch, Igwe Rowland Odegbo over the woman's identity.

Igwe Odegbo told newsmen that the woman is not an indigene of Nteje. But, another source from the community insisted that the woman was from Nteje and had completed the burial rites of her husband in February.

The source said the woman, who had gone to her farm, was later discovered dead. She was also suspected to have been raped before being killed.

Confirming the death of the woman, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Nkeiru Nwode (ASP), said the killing has not been linked to herdsmen although investigation is still on.

"I don't know of the woman being murdered by Fulani herdsmen. There is nothing to show that Fulani herdsmen were involved in the killing yet."