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THREE decomposing bodies were yesterday discovered between Ugbolu and Illah communities in Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State.

The mutilated bodies could not be immediately identified by the police at Illah division and some elders of Ugbolu community when the crime scene was visited.

Locals said the area has become a flashpoint for herders and kidnappers in executing their evil acts, recalling that an attempt was made to kidnap a staff of Sterling Bank recently and that other prominent sons and daughters of the council have been kidnapped along the axis.

Daily Sun learnt that the discovery is coming amidst rising cases of violent crimes, including kidnapping, killings and robberies, among others.

The development led to an executive order issued by the chairman of Oshimili North Local Government Area, Louis Ndukwe, directing all those living in hamlets in far away bushes to relocate to main towns and villages or face the wrath of the law.

His order is being resisted by the Hausa/Fulani residents, who protested that they have no place to go should they be forcefully

evicted from the bushes.

Meanwhile, the state government is on the verge of establishing an independent security outfit to be known as ‘Operation

Delta Hawk’ to tackle the rising

incidents of crimes across the entire state.

Reacting to the discovery of

the bodies, Director General of

Young Nigerian Rights Organisation, Victor Ojei, lauded Oshimili North council for issuing the eviction notice on forest inhabitants.

Ojei said the people cannot

continue to mourn on a daily

basis the loss of dear ones to marauding criminals.

“We can now see reasons with

the executive chairman of the

local government when he gave

marching orders for everyone illegally occupying the bushes in any part of the local government

to evacuate with immediate effect or face the full wrath of the law.

“We certainly cannot fold our

arms and watch our brethren

have their lives cut short by evil

doers. Truly, enough is enough,”

he fumed.