

Gunmen kill pregnant woman, 7 others, destroy farms in Enugu

From **Fred Ezeh**, Abuja

SUSPECTED armed herds-
men invaded Mgbuji commu-
nity in Eha-Amufu, Isi-Uzo
Local Government Area of
Enugu State and killed eight
people, injured others and
kidnapped many, while farm-
lands were also destroyed.

There are rising fears in
the community that casual-
ties may rise in coming days
due to the level of injuries
sustained by some of the vil-
lagers who were caught in the
attacks.

A villager, Chinaza Akan,
who witnessed the incident
said one of the casualties was
a pregnant woman whose
stomach was said to have
been ripped open and the
foetus removed, while others
were people who went for a
marriage event.

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From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

Some villagers told Daily
Sun that the armed herdsmen
invaded the community, on
Sunday afternoon, through
the border with Benue com-
munity and attacked several
farm settlers and other un-
lucky people caught in the
farm.

Bishop of Anglican Diocese
of Eha-Amufu, Rt. Rev Daniel
Nkemjika Olinya, who con-
firmed the development to
Daily Sun, painted a horrible

and gory picture of the inhu-
mane actions of the herdsmen.

He registered his concerns
that herdsmen attacks in farm
settlements in the affected
Mgbuji community and its
neighbours have been on the
rise and the government has
not done enough to end the
attacks.

Bishop Olinya further con-
firmed that the police came
on Monday, 24 hours after the
attacks, with the intention of

taking away the corpses, but
the community members re-
sisted them because they have
not released other corpses in
their custody for burial.

The community members
alleged that the police asked
them to sign an undertaking
before they could release the
corpses to the family members
for burial.

But the undertaking, as
gathered, was not favourable
to the community, hence, they

withheld their signature.

He said that part of the
undertaking was that they
would allocate land to the
Fulani people, accept and live
together with them whenever
they return to the community,
and that was unacceptable to
the community members. So,
the corpses are still with the
police.

He called on the Enugu gov-
ernment to take action on the
armed herdsmen.

6 murdered, houses burnt in fresh Kaduna attacks

From **Noah Ebije**, Kaduna

GUNMEN suspected to be
bandits, on Monday, attacked
Ungwan Magaji, Kigam,
Kisicho and Kikoba villages
in Kauru Local Government
Area of Kaduna State, killing

six persons in the areas.

A report from the Defence
Headquarters' Operation Safe
Haven, which was contained
in a statement by the Commis-
sioner of Internal Security and
Home Affairs, Samuel Aru-
wan, noted that "the armed
assailants attacked the men-
tioned villages early Monday
morning, and swiftly left six
residents dead."

Meanwhile, Governor Na-
sir El-Rufai has condemned

the attack in strongest terms.

The governor, in the state-
ment signed by the commis-
sioner, further said: "Respond-
ing to a distress call, troops
arrived at the location and
engaged the attackers, forcing
them to retreat.

"In addition to the casual-
ties, it was reported that eight
houses, six huts, one motorcy-
cle and a generator were razed
during the attack. Some maize
crops were also destroyed.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai
expressed his sadness over the
attack and condemned it as
an action of depraved entities
stripped of every shred of hu-
manity.

He prayed for the repose of
the souls of the victims, and
sent his condolences to their
families.

"The governor tasked secu-
rity agencies working in the
area to sustain thorough inves-
tigations into the incident."