

Ogun: 5 killed, many injured, houses burnt as farmers, herders clash

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NO fewer than five persons have been killed in a fresh crisis between farmers and herdsman in Imeko-Afon Local Government Area of Ogun State.

Sunday Sun gathered that the herdsman and some Ohori farmers had engaged one another in a clash at Idofa village, leading to loss of lives and property.

It was alleged that the people of Aworo community in Yewa North Local Government had chased the herdsman from their village to Idofa in Imeko, killing three of them and their cows.

According to a source, Aworo people had accused the herdsman of destroying their farms and water sources through open grazing, a practice the Ogun State government had banned.

A community leader told our correspondent that after the Aworo people killed the three herdsman in Idofa, there was a reprisal attack on Thursday, leading to the death of two indigenes, one of whom was burnt beyond recognition.

Houses, four maize barns, motorcycles and other valuables were reportedly set ablaze by the attackers.

As of Friday, it was learnt that many residents of the vil-

lage had fled for fear of being killed.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident, assuring that those behind

the incident would be apprehended.

"The situation is under control as more policemen have been deployed to the place," Oyeyemi said.

Insecurity: Ondo women go half naked protesting against killing, kidnapping

From **Bamigbola Gbolagunte**, Akure

HUNDREDS of women in Akoko Division of Ondo State on Saturday staged a peaceful

protest against the high spate of insecurity in the area.

Some of the women who dressed half naked appealed to security agencies to beef up security in the four local government areas that make up

Akoko Division.

It was gathered that the peaceful protests were staged in Oka Akoko, Akungba Akoko and some other towns in the area.

The protests were said to have been triggered by the recent kidnap of teachers by some bandits in Auga Akoko, the killing of a police officer by unknown gunmen at Oka Akoko last week and the attack on 17 travellers on Ifira Akoko-Isua Akoko road by armed robbers among others.

Some of the protesters, who held brooms, were half-naked, chanting various solidarity songs along the streets.

They called on the security agents and the state government to come to the rescue of the area from the attack of the bandits.

They also called on the traditional rulers to ensure that the security of the area is given proper attention.

PSC perm sec's son dies in domestic accident

By **Christopher Oji**

TEN-YEAR-OLD son of William Alo, a permanent secretary and Secretary to the Police Service Commission, Master Mathew Akachukwu Oko Alo, who died in a domestic accident in their Abakaliki residence in Ebonyi State, was buried in Okpokuegbe in Ekwetkwe/Ogbuinyagu autonomous community, Ezza North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

PSC Chairman, Alhaji Musiliu Smith, a retired Inspector-General of Police,

said the death and manner it came was devastating and had left a very big vacuum in the family and prayed God to grant the entire Alo family the fortitude to bear the loss.

According to Head, Press and Public Relations Police Service Commission, Mr. Ikechukwu Ani, the bereaved father, Chief Alo said he still could not come to terms with the reality of his tender son's death. Mr. Alo was quoted as lamenting: "You have become so attached to me that it will take many years to adjust to the reality of your permanent absence."