Ex-hubby of lifeless woman found in Bayelsa on the run

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THE Bayelsa State Police command is on the trail of a man believed to be the ex-husband of the woman whose lifeless body was discovered Sunday morning, at Alkali Street Etegwe, Yenagoa, the Bayelsa state capital.

The deceased has been identified as Mrs Ese from the Egbo community in Ughelli South of Delta State.

Until her disappearance, the mother of three used

unks alleged killing of 350 herdsmen, ows, urges arrest of Fulani leaders

leging that between July 14, 2023 and now, 350 of their members were killed, while they lost 850 cows to rustlers.

But, Commissioner of Information and Communication, Musa Ibrahim Ashoms, who spoke at a concert organised by Plateau Youth Peace and Progressive Forum, otherwise known as G17, said the allegation was misleading and a clear misrepresentation of the facts. He described the Fulani leaders as harbingers of disunity and asked security agencies to arrest them for spreading false

allegation to mislead the public.

The commissioner, who represented Governor Caleb Mutfwang at the event, said if the allegations were true, why was it not reported to security agencies, and why did it take them so long to come up with the figures.

He said, ""We are sad that some groups have issued a statement that is not true, today, Sunday, and said 350 people that belong to their association were killed. This is not true. We are peaceloving people on the Plateau, we do not kill. When a soul is lost on the Plateau, it puts us in a weeping moment. (Continued on www.sunnewsonline.com)

to sell cow skin (ponmo), at Opolo market in Yenagoa.

Sources said though an autopsy would be conducted on the nature of her death, preliminary investigations indicated that she was strangled to death. Family sources said the ex-hubby is a suspect because of the bitter squabble they had a few

days, prior to her disappearance and death.

Findings indicated that one Miss Precious, who is a younger sister to the deceased, was said to have confided in a family member that the deceased's last visitor before her disappearance and death was the ex-hubby, who came to the house and engaged her in a bitter quarrel.

It was gathered that the estranged couple, who had separated in April 2023, had several squabbles over the custody of their three children.

"The ex-hubby, Collins, had visited the house when she was not around to take the three children. However, on the 27th of December, she met him on the road, and forcefully retrieved the children back to the house. (Continued on www.sunnewsonline.com)