

Herdsmen kill 9 policemen, injure others in Delta

SUSPECTED herdsmen have shot dead nine Police-men and injured many others in an ambush at Ugheli, Delta State, ten others are still missing.

The policemen attached to the Force Intelligence Response Team (IRT), were deployed into a forest to rescue four kidnapped victims when they were ambushed by killer herdsmen who were in their large numbers.

According to a police sources in Delta State Police Command, the deceased officers and several others were deployed into a forest at Bentsiga Buplesi community in Ugheli on Monday when they ran into an ambush by herdsmen. "There were more than nine that went for that

rescue operation on Monday, and only nine bodies were recovered on Tuesday.

One of the officers who ran out with bullet wounds said that, "the herdsmen were so many and heavily armed. They shot and killed many of us," we are praying for the safe return

of the others."

A senior Police officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity told Daily Sun that, "we are suspecting sabotage. Our men have tracked were the kidnappers were and were going to rescue the victims, but ran into an ambush by the

herdsmen. We have recovered nine dead bodies of our men, but more than 10 are still missing.

"We can't say whether they have been killed or they were running away during the confusion and missed their way. We are afraid for them. We are

planning a rescue mission, but we are being careful, because the herdsmen are fully armed with sophisticated weapons and are in large numbers. They are prepared as if they were coming for war. As I am talking to you, we are mourning our gallant men".

5 die in Lagos-Ibadan Expressway accident

FIVE persons were confirmed dead yesterday in an accident at NASFAT turning on the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

Ten others sustained injuries in the accident.

Mrs Florence Okpe, the spokesperson, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Ogun, confirmed the incident to

newsmen in Abeokuta.

Okpe explained that the incident occurred at 9:56a.m and it involved a Daf truck marked KUT 561 ZZ, Toyota Hiace bus marked GGE 84 YF and a Man diesel truck without registration number.

She said that the likely cause of the accident was dangerous

driving on the part of one of the trucks.

"A total of 15 persons were involved, which comprised 11 men and four women.

"Ten were injured (six men and four women) while five persons were killed from the multiple crash," she said.

The FRSC spokesperson

said that the injured victims were taken to Famobis Hospital, Mowe, while the deceased were deposited at Idera Hospital morgue, Sagamu.

The Sector Commander, Anthony Uga, cautioned motorists on speed and reckless driving, advising them to drive defensively for safety.