

Youths protest killing of mother, son by herdsmen

• Attempt to burn down king's palace • Herdsmen's arms supplier arrested

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The university town of Abraka hosting the Delta State University was turned bloody on Friday as aggrieved youths went wild protesting the killing of a woman and her son who were beheaded by herdsmen.

Sunday Telegraph learnt that the embittered youths in their hundreds, attempted to burn the palace of the

traditional ruler, His Royal Majesty Akpoyoma Majoroh, Ojeta II, Ovie of Abraka Kingdom but for the timely intervention of security operatives, including soldiers, police and the local vigilante group in the area that saved the situation.

The youths, it was further gathered, went wild protesting over what they called the continued silence by community leaders and even the security operatives in the town on the worrisome develop-

ment.

Further findings by *Sunday telegraph*, revealed that no fewer than 10 persons have been killed in mysterious circumstance by Fulani herdsmen, cultists and ritualists in the last six months.

Some of the aggrieved youths armed with dangerous weapons vowed to carry on with the protest and urged Governor Ifeanyi Okowa to intervene urgently to save the uneasy situation.

Meanwhile, police in Abraka have arrested a man believed to be supplying arms and ammunition to Fulani herdsmen.

Sources said that the suspect, who allegedly confessed to the offence said he has been in the business for some years now.

However, peace has returned to the town as security operatives are already on top of the matter, just as commercial activities in the ancient town have resumed.