



Protests as herdsmen behead woman in Edo

Residents yesterday marched on the streets of the Ambrose Alli University community, Ekpoma, headquarters of Esan West Local Government Area of Edo State as Fulani herdsmers again beheaded a woman.

The killing led to a violent protest by residents who blocked roads leading to the community.

It was learnt that the woman was beheaded by the herdsmen in her farm at Ukpenu community and her dead body was discovered in the early hours of yesterday.

The incident, which occurred about 8 a.m., sparked protest as aggrieved indigenes, especially youths, took their protest to the major roads and market squares as well as Ekpoma Divisional Police Station where they demanded justice over the heinous crime.

The protesters made bone fire and used tables and benches to block roads, causing hours of gridlock within and outside the community.

The latest development came barely three weeks after armed men, suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, killed a 38-year-old woman, Mrs. Magdalene Tunar, and kidnapped two others: Uluoke near Auchi, headquarters of Etsako West Local Government Area.

The woman was shot in the presence of her husband, Mr. Wilson Tunar and two of her children as they were returning from their farm.

Similarly, a Chinese expatriate was kidnapped while an official of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) attached to him was killed on Monday at Okpella community Owan East Local Government Area in the same North Senatorial District.

In the protest yesterday, a motorcycle belonging to one of the Hausa riders was set ablaze.

The protesters also took their protest to the palace of the Onojie of Ekpoma and the headquarters of Ekpoma Police Division, where they were addressed by the monarch and Divisional Police Officer.

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