

# Herdsman murder man in Ebonyi community

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**S**uspected herdsmen yesterday killed a man, Mmaduabuchi Ogbebor, in Ezube-Amankpuma village, Ukawu community in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

A motorcycle belonging to the deceased was taken away by his killers.

Ogbebor's body was discovered on Onu Enuka Road, after Ukaba Development Centre.

It was learnt that the herdsmen, who were asked to leave the area by the villagers, allegedly killed the victim on their way out of the community.

A source told our correspondent that Ogbebor was killed by the herdsmen, because they were asked to leave the community.

"This is the third time we are asking them to leave the land, but they will leave and end up coming back after some time," the source said.

The source alleged that the herdsmen occupied a large farm land near Ukaba Development Centre in the area, before they were asked to leave.

A member of the Council of Chiefs in Ukawu autonomous community in Onicha Local Gov-

ernment Area, Chief Samuel Ugota, confirmed the incident.

Ugota said Ogbebor's body was found shortly after the herdsmen left the community.

He said the herdsmen had been causing huge destructions in their farms.

Ugota added the matter had been reported to the police and that the victim's body was already in police custody.

He said: "Last year, we did not use that land because they took it over. This year, as we are about to farm on the land, they came again with hundreds of cows. But we insisted they must leave.

"Last Saturday, the youth went and pursued the cows out of the land. The Fulani herdsmen invited the police. When the policemen came, we explained the issue to them, and urged them to plead with the herdsmen to leave our farm land."



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