

Fresh Farmers, Herders Clash Claims Five in Ogun

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No fewer than five persons were killed and many others injured in another fresh crisis between farmers and herdsman at in Ogun State.

The clash also led the burning of many houses, maize bams, motorcycles and other valuables.

The crisis, THISDAY learnt, broke out when some Ohori farmers in Aworo Community in

Yewa North Local Government, engaged Fulani herdsmen, who led cows to graze on their farmlands at subsequently destroyed their crops.

The farmers, it was alleged, chased the herders from their villages to Idofa in Imeko Afon Local Government and during which they killed three herders and their cows.

Aworo people had accused the Fulanis of destroying their farms and water sources through

open grazing of cows; a practice the Ogun State Government had banned.

A community leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that after the Aworo people killed the three herdsmen in Idofa, there was a reprisal attack on Thursday, leading to the death of two Yorubas, one of whom was burnt beyond recognition.

He said: "The Aworo people chased the herdsmen from Yewa

North to Idofa in Imeko. They killed three of them there and killed their cows.

"On Thursday, the Fulani herdsmen returned in the dead of the night to launch an attack. They killed two persons, set houses and other properties on fire.

"One of those killed was burnt in a house beyond recognition. It took the intervention of the police and the Amotekun corps to calm the situation