

9 killed as herdsmen, farmers clash in Anambra

AWKA — NO fewer than nine persons were feared dead in a clash between Fulani herdsmen and farmers at Umuaka-eme village in Ifite-Ogwari in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The clash took place when the villagers tried to ward off the herdsmen whose cattle were grazing on their farmlands, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Those allegedly killed in the fracas included one Ogor Unagwu, who was seven-month pregnant, Augustine Okafor and Chuma Okoye.

Also a lady school teacher from Umueje community, whose name could not be ascertained, was ambushed and shot to dead.

Mr Fidelis Agbo, the Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) in the state, confirmed the story.

He said that the incident

was as a result of a scuffle between youths of Ifite-Ogwari and herdsmen in which a herdsman was allegedly killed.

He said that in a reprisal at-

tack, the herdsmen re-organised and in an ambush, killed three persons in the area.

Agbo said the area was now calm as the police had sent in

a contingent of policemen to maintain law and order.

He said that police had started investigations into the matter.

Police nab alleged killer of Igwes

By Kingsley Omonobi

THE POLICE in Abuja has made a major breakthrough in the investigation into the murder of former Onitsha branch Chairman of the Nigeria Bar Association, Mr. Barnabas Igwe and his wife Amaka with the arrest of the suspect who allegedly pulled the trigger that killed both husband and wife.

The Inspector General of Police, Mike Okiro who is not

satisfied with past investigations into the matter, directed the IG's monitoring unit to re-investigate the matter and all other unsolved murder cases including the assassination of Bola Ige and Engr. Funsho Williams.

Vanguard gathered that the suspect who is a dreaded underworld kingpin, was arrested in Asaba, the Delta State capital as he made attempts to scale a twelve meter high fence fitted with barbed wire when police detectives closed in on him.

Known as 'Odogu-Anam', the suspect who was said to have been arrested shortly after the incident that occurred during the tenure of former governor Chinwoke Mbadiniju, was also said to have been granted bail suprisingly by the police authorities then enabling him to bolt out of the country the following day.

Police sources said he remained abroad for so many years and only came back when he felt the matter had been forgotten.