

Fulani herdsmen kill man, kidnap five others in Delta

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The police in Asaba on Tuesday said two women and three boys kidnapped by Fulani herdsmen in Umuachi-Afor, Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State have been freed.

According to a statement issued by the Police Public Relations Office, the kidnap took place on Sunday after the herdsmen invaded the community, shooting sporadically.

The statement, which was signed by Mr. Roland Preston, said it was in the process of the kidnap that one Ossai Oluem, an 18-year-old boy was shot dead.

Preston said preliminary police investigation showed that the Fulani herdsmen had abducted their victims after one Frank Odili from the community had seized a rifle from a Fulani herdsman.

It said the Fulani had insisted on only freeing their hostages if the firearm was returned to them.

The statement said, "One Honourable London Onwuka, in company with two others of Umuachi-Afor Community in Ndokwa East L.G.A of Delta State reported at the Police Station Ashaka that unidentified suspected Fulani herdsmen invaded Umuachi-Afor Community, shooting sporadically, and in the process abducted one Florence Onwuka, 42, Chukwudi Onwuka, 15, Ugochukwu Onwuka, 13, Innocent Ndego, 20yrs, Nwabuaku Beninchukwu, 24 and took them to an unknown destination.

"In the process, one Ossai Oluem, 18 was allegedly shot dead while large/huge sums of money were stolen by the said invaders."

The police said Odili, whose action sparked the chain of events is at large while efforts were on to arrest the Fulani herdsmen.

"While measures have been put in place to forestall break down of law and order in the affected area, the command appeals to the affected community to remain calm and go about their lawful businesses," the



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