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Father of five hacked to death in Benue

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Just when Benue State farmers heaved a sigh of relief from incessant bloody attacks by suspected Fulani herdsmen, a father of five, Sunday Ameh, was, yesterday, hacked to death in his farm in Otukpo Local Government Area.

Sunday Vanguard learned from a source, closely related to the deceased but preferred anonymity, that the deceased was murdered at Amla village, where he had a massive farmland, some five kilometers from Otukpo.

According to our source, Ameh was attacked in his farm by armed men who had invaded the area probably laying in wait for a victim.

“Our brother is a renown farmer who had farmland in some villages in the outskirts of Otukpo main town and he cultivates and visits them daily,”the source said.

“However, yesterday afternoon, information got to us that his body, was laying in one of his farm at Amla village, in the outskirt of Otukpo town, in a pool of his own blood.

“We got in touch with the Police in Otukpo, who mobilized their men and stormed the area with members of our family, only to discover that he was matcheted severally by his attackers and left to bleed to death.”

“We are yet to comprehend why anyone would decide to violently murder an innocent man and father of five children who usually went about his business with crossing anybody.

“Though we are not pointing accusing fingers at anyone at the moment, until the Police come out with a report of its ongoing investigations in the matter, but it is important to state also that while going to retrieve his corpse from the farm, we sighted Fulani Herdsmen in the area grazing their herds.

“Though, we do not suspect the herdsmen, but we will not draw any conclusions until the Police come up with their report on the issue.

Efforts to get the reaction of the police on the issue failed as several calls and a text message put across to Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Assistant Superintendent, ASP, Austin Ezeani, were not responded to.