

Sacked communities

In Uwheru, a community in Ughelli North local government area, where herdsmen seem to have taken over state and terrorized residents, they had sent about 31 persons early to their graves in the past 12 years, while 10 villagers are missing.

President-General of Uwheru community, Chief Ogarivi Utso, who spoke on the alleged killings, last Thursday, at the burial of one of the victims, lamented that herdsmen attack both men and women, rape and kill villagers. Some herdsmen reportedly killed an indigene of Oguname community a week after her marriage.

On alleged imposition of tax, Utso cited the case of the chair of Oguname village, Chief Edward Eyamu, who, he claimed, was forced to pay N10,000 weekly to a Fulani overlord he simply identified as Garba.

He said another indigene of the community, Chief Paul Ovieba, was compelled to pay N70,000 to herdsmen before they allowed him to commence fishing activity at the Owarien River.

Describing the herdsmen as lords unto themselves, Utso said: "The outrageous tax ranges from N10,000 to N100,000 per individual depending on the terms and condition.

"Presently, there is not a

single indigene in Port Awwo, Oguname area have taken away the residents added.

Speaking of herdsmen and became the Public Relations Officer of Uwheru Community Development UCDA, Pros Adade, said and go to you farmer only for these herdsmen.

"There is no between the these herdsmen gave the land

"The problem arises when land upon discovery land has been is being occupied by herdsmen, ask this confrontation leads to attack

"If we come to table today, I can they (herdsmen) to a person with had an agreement seizure of our land communities enter such pact, there us here in Uwheru

**Some chiefs of
bribe- Ossai, community
leader**

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