

Herdsman kill SARS Commander in Oyo

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Ibadan—The Commander of a team of Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, in Oyo State was reportedly killed by herdsman as they tried disarming the herdsman, who were terrorising residents of Saki.

According to information gathered, the team of policemen had reportedly acted on a tip-off and moved to disarm the herdsman, who have been terrorising residents of the area by robbing and raping their women.



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The herdsman opened fire on the policemen and killed the Commander of the team, known as Sheu Magu.

The latest attack reportedly occurred at Ogbooro, which is about four kilometres from Saki.

A source told *Vanguard*: “The killing of Supol Sheu has made the issue a story. Before now, attacking women— especially in the evening and night— robbing and raping them is not news around here.

“The *Bororo* herdsmen have always been notorious for that. They use their AK-47 to guard their cattle during the day and use it to commit nefarious activities at night.

“The Superintendent of Police was a very nice, gentle and well-behaved officer. He used to relate with civilians in a very civil manner. His death is very sad. With this, I believe the security operatives will take the issue of herdsmen’s attacks and robbery more seriously.”

Another source said it actually started on Tuesday, when policemen visited a village to investigate a criminal charge against one of the herdsmen, but later turned violent.

He said: “Saki is boiling now. OPC, Police and other brave people in Saki are in the bush as we speak, hunting for the herdsmen. The whole thing started when Police arrested one of the herdsmen for robbery in Saki.

“On getting to the village, the informant that led the team was reportedly attacked first and killed. One of those that escaped told us the herdsmen used their cows to surround them before attacking.”

Reacting to the incident, Oyo State Public Relations Officer, SP Adekunle Ajisebutu, said: “It is true that an officer of ours was murdered. We have arrested four suspects and we are already investigating them.”