

## Herdsman kill father of two in Ekiti

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ADO-EKITI—THERE was palpable tension in Ipao-Ekiti, Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State on Sunday, as suspected herdsman identified as Bororos allegedly killed a father of two, Olayemi Tunde, 32.



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Olayemi was reportedly killed yesterday afternoon while returning from his farm.

Vanguard gathered that Olayemi, a commercial motorbike driver who also has a farm in the farm settlement in the Community had gone to his farm to harvest some cassava when he met his death.

Narrating how the incident happened, Chairman of Ikole Local Government Area, Mrs. Abiola Ajayi, who briefed newsmen on the tragic development in a telephone conversation, said: "The deceased was an Okada man who has a farm in the settlement. He had gone to his farm to harvest some cassava . He was with one other person.

"They were heading back to town from the farm and have loaded the motorbike with cassava when they saw some herdsman coming towards them. The two of them were said to have been surprised at seeing the herdsman.

"They said it was at that point that the herdsman brought out their gun and the two farmers had to run.

" The Bororos were said to have pursued the two men and eventually got Olayemi who they massacred like a cow.

"We have reported the matter to the nearest police station and the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, has since swung into action and sent two vehicles and they have gone to the scene of the murder to take the corpse and also commence investigation, " she said.

Head of the local hunters in the community, Adebayo Odeyemi, sounded very angry on the development, saying the hunters have declared war on the herdsman and would not allow such development to be repeated.

" We haven't attacked any herdsman but they have killed one now and right now we will ensure they are not allowed to do this again. We are valiant men not cowards and we will face them this time around. They have massacred one of us mercilessly and this won't happen again," he said.