

Six feared killed, 30 injured by suspected herdsmen in Anambra

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Six people were feared killed while about 30 were wounded in a farm settlement at Mmiata Anam, Anambra West Local Government Area of Anambra State

by men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen.

The incident, according to an eye witness, happened in the farm settlement, known as Agweopia Camp, Iyigbu Camp and Iyinkolo, around 5:40am on Friday.

The herdsmen were said to have stormed the

area when residents were still sleeping.

The eye witness, who claimed to have narrowly escaped the attack, said: "The herdsmen stormed the Agweopia Farm Settlement Camp, Iyigbu and Iyinkolo Farm Settlement Camp, respectively, around 5:40am on Friday, killed people, burnt houses and raped many women and escaped before information reached the people in the community".

According to Orjiako Nnaluo, "before people of the area could know what was going on, the herdsmen had killed six people leaving about 30 people with different degrees of injuries".

He went on: "Some of the surviving victims are currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

"We appeal to Anambra State Government to come to our rescue be-

cause all the farmers living in the farm settlement camps have fled as they are yet to recover from the horrors of the previous attack by killer-herdsmen, which claimed three lives in the area.

"Governor Willie Obiano was aware of the previous incident which took three lives, and he promised to take action".

Also speaking when newsmen after a visit to the scene of the attack, the Anglican Bishop of Mbamili Diocese, Rt. Rev Henry Okeke, condemned the dastardly act.

He described the killings as not only unfortunate but inhuman.

"Sincerely, the attack is going to affect the economy of our country Nigeria. I received the news this morning about the killings and I was saddened about it", Okeke said.

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governor to extend his broad development programmes to some parts of the state like Ndokwa East in the provision of roads, health care facilities and portable water to accelerate the socio-economic development of the area.

It noted that the governor's SMART agenda on infrastructural development had increased economic activities in the state.

The statement read: "We passionately appealed to the governor to extend his broad development

programmes to some parts of the state like Ndokwa East in the provision of roads, health care facilities and portable water to accelerate the socio-economic development of the area".

Describing the governor as 'Master builder of the state', the group called out other offices including legislative arm of the government in the state to push bills that will resolve environmental problems in some parts of the state including erosion, flooding and infrastructural deficit.

Most Rev Adesina

bo Diocese and currently the Rector of the Major Seminary of Saints Peter and Paul in Ibadan.

His ordination and installation as Bishop is scheduled to hold on Thursday, April 25, 201 at the main bowl of St Anthony's Nursery and Primary School, Igbebe Road, Ijebu-Ode.

His ordination and installation will be done by the Apostolic Nuncio and representative of Pope Francis, Antonio Guido Filipazzi.

Other religious persons, Cardinals, Bishops, the governor of Ogun State, the governor-elect, Awujale of Ijebu-Ode and a host of others are expected to grace the occasion.

Reverend Father Francis Obafemi Adesina, who has held several pastoral positions in his diocese of Osogbo, was born in Wenchi, Ghana on January 28, 1964. He has a Nigerian citizenship and completed his priestly studies in philosophy and theology at the Major Seminary of Saints Peter and Paul in Ibadan.