

Two killed, 3 hospitalised as suspected herdsmen invade Ekiti community

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Suspected herders reportedly killed two persons, injured three others while many were sent packing from their residences, yesterday, in Iyemero-Ekiti, Ikole Local Government Area of Ekiti State.



Herdsmen on rampage

It was gathered that the assailants invaded the people's farmstead in the early hours of the day while the residents were asleep.

The incident occurred at Eda, one of the farmsteads and communities in Iyemero town.

Multiple sources within Iyemero identified one of the dead as Mr Danjuma Ali, a farmer while the body of the second person, whose bodies had been deposited in the morgue.

Those undergoing medicare at the emergency section of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Ido Ekiti include Mrs Jennifer Akoko, Mr Joseph Achebe and an unidentified victim.

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A source, who raised the alarm over the sad incident, said: “ It has happened again today (yesterday), it has become a recurrent killing.

“They came around 1 is and were there till dawn. Our farmers are all afraid to go to their farmsteads. They all rushed to the palace of Oba Ebenezer Agboola Ogungbemi, the Olu of Iyemero Ekiti to take refuge.

“We are mourning today at Iyemero, we are not happy about this incident and the government must do something about it”, the source said.

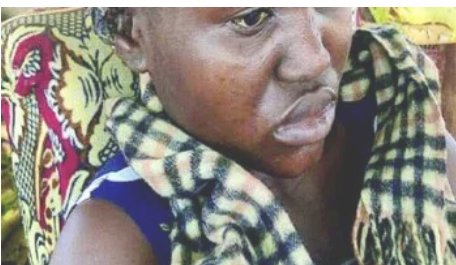
The Olu of Iyemero, Oba Ogungbemi and Olu-in-Council, restated their calls for the establishment of a police station in the town to curb reoccurrence.

Oba Ogungbemi, who spoke through the palace spokesman, Chief Ariyo Abejide, said there was the need for the teeming population of farmers in this farmstead to be protected and secured by the security agencies from another seemingly and imminent attacks from the marauders.

He said: “These herders stormed the community through the border of Iyemero at Eruku in Kwara State. This makes Iyemero a porous exit and entrant, which portends dangers and insecurity to the community, Ikole local government and the state in general.”

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti Command, DSP Caleb Ikechukwu, said he had not been briefed about the matter.

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