

# Kidnappers kill one, abduct 5 in Delta

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**I**BUSA — SUSPECTED kidnappers resumed operation, weekend, in Delta State and killed a resident, wounded and abducted about five others, who escaped from their custody, while being shepherded to their camp in the forest at Ibusa, Oshimili North Local Government Area.

Angered by the serial attacks and abduction of residents, youths of the community, Saturday evening, marched in protest to the palace of the Obuzor (traditional ruler), Prof Louis Nwaoboshi, demanding that herdsmen leave the community.

There was a lull in the state for nearly two weeks after suspected kidnappers shot dead the chairman of adjoining Okpanam Community Vigilante, Emeka Nwaedozie and his deputy, Festus Monye, following the abduction of a mother and her

daughter on May 6.

A source told *Vanguard*: "Two herdsmen, who have taken kidnapping as a business, stormed some houses at Ogboli Quarters of Ibusa. "One of the kidnappers was armed and wanted to first seize the phones belonging to the occupants, but the people resisted them, leading to the shooting and killing of an instrumentalist to a popular musician in the area.

"Others surrendered their phones in a jiffy and obeyed their instructions to follow them into the bush. On the way, they met some boys from another direction and the greedy kidnappers asked the captives, about three or four of them to lie down, which they complied with. "Knowing that the kidnapper keeping watch over them was unarmed, about two or three took off, as the other kidnapper continued flogging one of them with available wood and other objects."