

How Fulani herdsmen strangled my cousin —Akeredolu's aide

By Dayo Johnson, Akure

SUSPECTED Fulani herdsmen have reportedly killed a 48-year-old, Dayo Ibiye, a cousin to the senior Special Assistant to the Ondo state governor Rofimi Akeredolu on new Media, Gani Muhammed Ajowa.

The deceased, said to be the father of seven was strangled to death in his farm located at Ajowa Akoko, in Akoko North West council area of the state.

Confirming the death of his cousin by the herdsmen, the governor's aide said suspected killers invaded his farm with their cows.

The deceased reportedly pleaded with the herdsmen not to allow their cattle to destroy his farmland but they insisted that they must feed their cattle.

Ajowa said that the herdsmen told the deceased pointedly that they had the right to feed their cattle with his crops and that he couldn't stop them.

The herdsmen, after a shouting match with the deceased according to him threatened him and they left the farm only to return the following day to attack him with machete. He added that after inflicting several machete cut injuries on him and he didn't die, they strangled him.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that he was strangled by four suspected herdsmen.

A post by Gani Ajowa on his Facebook page said "

Fulani herdsmen just killed my first cousin on his farm in Ajowa.

"Dayo Ibiye, you were a man, how they got you is a surprise".

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the combined security team including Amotekun have arrested

one of the killers.

Contacted, the police spokesperson, Tee Leo Ikoro said he was yet to be briefed of the incident.

But the governor's aide said the matter had been reported at the Divisional Police Officer in Okeagbe in Akoko North West.

The Police image maker

Tee Leo Ikoro has confirmed the murder of the farmer.

Ikoro said that police detectives have commenced investigations into the killing.

He promised that the killers would be arrested and made to face the music.

Amnesty office denies FG's seizure of N26B PAP fund

By Davies Iheamnachor

THE Amnesty office has denied the report that the Federal Government seized N26 billion belonging to the Presidential Amnesty Programme, clarifying that the money was mopped up on December 31, 2020 as part of the government's financial process.

PAP office said it was expecting FG to roll over the unspent N26bn balance of its 2020 budget to enable it quickly meet up with its outstanding obligations.

The Interim Administrator, Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP), Col. Milland Dixon Dikio (retd) spoke in reaction to the report that the Niger Delta region was unsettled following the decision of the government to seize the programme's N26bn under the guise of unspent budgetary provisions.

However, Dikio in a statement signed by his Special Adviser, Media, Nneotao-base Egbe, explained that

the money was not seized by FG, maintaining that PAP was not singled out for such exercise as it was customary for unspent money across the ministries, parastatals and agencies to be returned to the government's coffers in line with the Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy.

Dekio noted that PAP office had earlier written the Accountant-General's office on the need to roll over the money and later release same to PAP to enable the programme meet all outstanding obligations tied to the money in the budgetary year.

Dikio opined that since PAP was a special programme on national security, the programme should be considered for an exclusive rollover of its unspent budget stating that all the money had been tied to specific activities necessary to maintain the peace in the Niger Delta region.

PAP coordinator said: "In order to reduce the debts owed several contractors

since 2014, a payment plan that was sequential was initiated starting with the oldest debt in consideration of vendors' interest payments on loans secured from banks to execute their contracts.

PDP chieftain advises govs to emulate C

PEOPLES Democratic Party former Delta State governor Sunny Onuesoke has advised northern governors to emulate Governor, Abdullahi G. Abba's move to tell the herdsmen to stop the movement in the northern part of Nigeria to avert conflict.

He explained that Ganduje's herders' movement across the north is the truth he had heard from the Niger Delta crisis started in Nigeria.

Recall that Ganduje while at the helm of power after he and All Progressives Congress met with President Muhammadu Buhari in Katsina state recently signed a law banning the movement of herdsmen from the north to the south as the only way to avert conflict between herdsmen and farmers. Ganduje's call while responding to newsmen at Asaba, Delta State, was for northern governors to emulate C. Abba's move if government could integrate the northern territory instead of moving round the conflicts would definitely disappear and peace in the country to a large extent.