

Disquiet in Bayelsa community over killing of woman by suspected herdsmen

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YENAGOA — AGGRIEVED youths of Opume community in Ogbia Local Government area of Bayelsa State have staged a protest over the killing of a woman, aged 39, by suspected herdsmen.

The deceased, identified as Waadu Alfred, was reportedly tied to a stake, raped and inflicted with machete cuts by her attackers.

According to community sources, the woman was said to have left her home for farm weekend and never returned, prompting the family to declare her missing.

A search party was organised by the community, which later discovered her decomposing

body in the bush.

Angered by the development, the youths were said to have on Monday blocked the road linking Ogbia and Nembe Local Government Areas in protest over the murder.

It, however, took the intervention of the police and elders of the community before normalcy was restored.

Contacted, spokesman of the Bayelsa Police Command, Asinim Butswat, confirmed the development, saying investigation into the incident had commenced.

It will be recalled that the state government had last week confirmed that security operatives have had shootouts with errant herdsmen violating the state open grazing law, resulting in impoundment of over 150 cattle and arrest of some suspects.