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① Father, son shot dead as herdsmen invade Delta community

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UGHELLI —THE serene Toru-Angiama community, Patani Local Government Area, Delta State, was yesterday thrown in to confusion, as a father and his son were shot dead by suspected herdsmen.

It was gathered that one other person was inflicted with gunshot injuries as several others were said to have been held hostage by the herdsmen, who invaded the community's farmlands.

Sources said the incident, which occurred at 11a.m., caused pandemonium in the hitherto peaceful community as some residents fled the area.

Giving details of the incident, Chairman of the Ijaw Youth Council, IYC, in Kabowe Kingdom, Mr. Andrew Ekiyor, said the father, identified as Mr. Egbejule and his son had gone to their farm when they met the herdsmen destroying their crops.

He said: "In the process of trying to stop them, they had an argument and that was how they were attacked. One other man was also shot but he did not die. He managed to escape into the community and made us to understand that some people were still being held hostage in the bush.

"The boy (the man's son) did not die instantly, so they chased the boy into the community."

He disclosed that people in the community were scared and that some people have ran away from the village.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Bright Edafe confirmed that two indigenes of the community were shot dead "by unknown hoodlums."

Court order