

Suspected herdsmen kill another farmer in Ondo

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AKURE—Suspected herdsmen have again killed another farmer, Joshua Chadamosi, in Ifira Akoko, Akoko South-East Local Government Area of Ondo State, heightening tension in the four councils in the Northern Senatorial district area of the state.

Recall that a farmer, Sunday Ayeni, was last week, killed by suspected herdsmen after some of them were made to pay compensation to the deceased, when his farm was destroyed by their herds.

Tension had gripped the community following the killing of the farmer as other farmers abandoned their farmland while many residents fled the community for fear of further attacks.

Women across the community, had Tuesday, protested half naked to the palace of the traditional ruler, the Olubaka of Oka, Oba Adebori Adeleye, demanding for justice for the victim and an end to herdsmen attacks in the community.

The latest killing, Vanguard gathered took place at the victims farm in Odudu farm settlement.

The lifeless body of the 15 year old victim, from Odoro Quarters, Ifira, was discovered after he was allegedly macheted to death by the suspected herdsmen.

Police source said that the body of the victim was recovered at Isua Akoko and transferred to the morgue at Ipe Akoko General Hospital.

Meanwhile, traditional rulers and community leaders in the communities have convened an emergency meeting to address the resurgence of kidnapping, killings and other crimes in the four councils in the district.

The Owa of Ogbagi Akoko, Oba Victor Olasehinde, who also chairs the Akoko Divisional Council of Obas, described the killings as "callous, wicked, and unacceptable."

Oba Oladehinde lamented that the unchecked activities of the herdsmen were driving farmers away from their farms and thereby jeopardising the region's status as a critical food basket for the state.

The monarchs called on the government and security agencies to step up their efforts to restore peace and security in the Akoko communities.

Contacted, the state police spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, confirmed the killing of the farmer.