

Armed Herdsmen Kill 6 Farmers, Injure 7 Others In Benue-Taraba Border Settlement Areas



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Suspected armed herdsmen yesterday made an incursion into 'Channel One', a border settlement in Ukemberagya/Twarev Council Ward of Logo Local Government Area of Benue State, leaving six farmers dead and seven others severely injured.

The scene of the deadly attack is located along Arufu-Wukari road in neighbouring Taraba State. New Telegraph learnt that the arsonists who stormed the area at about 13:00 hours, sacked the villages, with scores of local inhabitants including women and children fleeing their ancestral homes to other areas deemed safe.

A community leader in Logo LGA, Chief Joseph Anawa, who confirmed the incident, named those killed to include: Mr. Akor Gwakyaa, Mr. Msooter Gwakyaa, Aondoungwa Michael, Vershima Michael, Terna Michael and Msughter Terzungwe among others.



Chief Anawa disclosed that, “some people whose names are not immediately mentioned, sustained life-threatening injuries and have been hospitalised at different medical facilities in Anyiin Town, headquarters of the local government.

“Those in critical health condition, numbering about seven, have been taken to Ugba Town, Logo LGA for medical treatment.” Witnesses said the marauding herdsmen attackers came in large numbers, armed with firearms, and were on motor cycles.

It was alleged that the attackers are those camped at Shaor, one of the deserted villages that several intelligence reports have identified as a Fulani marauders’ camp in Logo LGA.

New Telegraph also reported that residents of the area under attack and neighboring communities are relocating to other villages for fear of further attacks.

Chief Anawa stressed the need for the government to intensify border coordinated clearance operations to dislodge the suspected marauders camped at Shaor and other deserted villages identified in previous intelligence reports, as one of the requisite measures to stem further attacks.