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At least four people have been killed in an attack by gunmen along the Aila-Odugheho Road in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State.

Residents told our correspondent yesterday that the victims were ambushed on Saturday along the rural road and killed by their assailants.

It was learnt that the victims were returning from their farms when the gunmen, who had reportedly laid an ambush, opened fire

4 killed as gunmen ambush travellers in Benue

on them.

While a source said four persons were confirmed dead, another said the exact number of casualties cannot be immediately ascertained, but that at the time of this report, at least four bodies have reportedly been recovered from the scene.

Among the victims were identified as Joy Simon and Lyta Monet, Chairman of Agatu LGA, Mel-

vin Ejeh, confirmed the incident to journalists in Makurdi.

He said: "Because of the robust security strategies we have put on the ground in the community, it's now difficult to attack and overrun any community in Agatu LGA, hence they resort to ambush which is a little more complex to confront."

"However, clearance operation is currently ongoing to rid the com-

munity forest of the bandits. Security agencies including the DPO himself, local vigilantes are already in the area carrying out clearance operations."

Spokesperson for the Benue State Police Command, DSP Udemé Edet, said she was yet to get the report from the divisional officer at the time of filling this report.

83-year-old, 78-year-old grandpas arrested for drug trafficking in Abia, Ekiti

An 83-year-old grandfather, Pa John Ofiel and a 78-year-old grandpa, Ogunjobi Samuel

ous drug dealer; 49-year-old Taofik Adeyemi was arrested on Saturday May 2, along with his salesman, Mudeke Ogunjobi 22, at his resi-