

Herdsman Ambush, Behead Father Of 3 In Benue



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Suspected armed herdsman have ambushed, killed and beheaded a father of three, Ojoma Emie in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State.

The man was said to be returning from Ugbokpo Town where he had gone to purchase medicine when he was waylaid and killed at Ugbobi Junction, a notorious flashpoint along the Ikobi-Olegogba axis of the Ikobi-Ugbokpo road.

The axis where the incident occurred is where travellers are frequently targeted by armed terrorists suspected to be herdsman bandits.



A resident of the area, who refused to be named told New Telegraph that the attackers hacked the victim with machete to death before severing his head and fleeing the scene, leaving his body in a pool of blood.

The Chairman of Apa Local Government Area, Adam Ochega, confirmed the incident. Ochega said the deceased was travelling from Ikobi to Ugbokpo when he was ambushed and killed by the assailants.

Also confirming the gruesome attack, Vice President of the Ikobi Progressive Forum (IPF), Dr. Edoh Ofugocho, said residents became alarmed after hearing series of gunshots from the area.

"Our people heard between 10 and 15 gunshots and immediately became apprehensive because they knew he was travelling to Ugbokpo to buy medicine.

"It was later discovered that he had been attacked and killed at Ugbobi Junction," he said. Ofugocho said the latest incident is part of a growing pattern of attacks that has left residents living in fear and uncertainty.

The State Police spokesperson, DSP Edet Udeme, said she had not received such report when our correspondent called to obtain her side of the story.