

# 5 killed in Taraba village attack



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Gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen yesterday killed five persons and injured many others during an attack on Ananum village in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Daily Trust learnt that the gunmen numbering over 200 invaded the village and started shooting sporadically. A source alleged that herdsmen had been attacking Tiv villages in the local government for some time now with little or no government protection.

"A few days ago, robbers attacked and killed a Fulani man and our people were arrested and detained. The herdsmen attacked two of our villages, Ananum and Wahanye and reduced them to rubbles," a resident, Ages Tarza said.

He added that after the attack on Saturday, the council chairman, Capt. Douglas Ndatse in company of security men assessed the level of damage in Ananum village, only for the attackers to return on Sunday to do more damage.

Tarza, who is chairman of Tiv Cultural and Social Association in Donga Local Government called on the government to find a lasting solution to the problem.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Joseph Kwaji said gunmen invaded Ananum village on Saturday and Sunday and burnt some houses.

He said the killing of a Fulani man in the village prompted the attack. Kwaji said before police could arrive the scene, the gunmen had fled. He added that investigation is on to apprehend the perpetrators. He assured the people that the attack would not in any way affect the forthcoming elections as the command is prepared for any eventuality.

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