Gunmen kill 13 in Benue market, seize Rep-elect's mum

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Gunmen Wednesday killed 13 people in a village market in Ukum LGA of Benue State, while another set abducted the mother of a House of Representatives member elect same day in Buruku LGA.

Daily Trust gathered that armed men stormed the Kyado market, a border town between Benue and Taraba States.

They began shooting after a failed attempt on their target and in the end, 13 people laid dead while many others sustained injuries.

Majority leader of the state House of Assembly, Paul Biam who represents the area, told newsmen in Makurdi yesterday that 13 people fell in the shooting.

However, spokesman of the police command, ASP. Austin Ezeani, said three people died while five were responding to treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

Elsewhere in Benue, Mrs. Mwuese Jev, the 73-year-old mother of member-elect House of Representatives for Buruku Federal constituency, Orker Jev, was abducted by another set of gunmen at about 8pm from her home in Tombo village of Buruku LGA Wednesday. The woman, according to her son, Orker, was whisked away by some terrific gunmen. Orker said his mother's whereabouts had not been established as the kidnappers had yet to make any demand for ransom.

Police spokesman, ASP Austin Ezeani, said the kidnappers drove in a red Toyota Camry car in which the woman was taken away.

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