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The death toll of the latest attack carried out on Tse Shan in Saghev community of Guma Local Government Area in Benue State yesterday rose to 13.

Daily Trust had earlier reported nine people killed in a fresh attack by bandits on the rural community of Guma and Logo areas respectively.

But, the Benue State Commissioner of Information, Lawrence Onoja (Jnr.) told newsmen yesterday in Makurdi that four more

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dead bodies were recovered, bringing the numbers of those killed to 13 in the early Wednesday morning attack.

Onoja said some people were still missing in the affected villages as he added that the villagers alleged that the armed militias invaded their surrounding using boats near Daudu settlement, a suburb of Mbalagh council ward where the incident took place while others came by motorcycles.

He however blamed the attack on the comments credited to the Minister of Defence, Mansur Dan-Ali who sought for the suspension of anti-grazing law and redefinition of cattle routes for herders.

“From the timing of these killings, these militia herdsman must have been encouraged by the unfortunate statement of the Minister of Defence who had just two days ago suggested the suspension of the anti-open grazing law in Benue,” the commissioner said.

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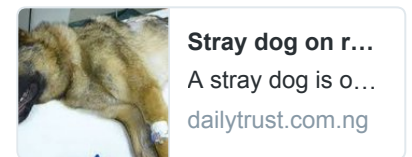


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