

5 killed in fresh attack on Benue community

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At least five people have been reportedly killed after gunmen launched a fresh attack on Mondo village in Ukemberagya – Gaambetiev council ward of Logo Local Government Area in Benue State on Tuesday night.

Daily Trust gathered that other communities were also torched by the attackers who allegedly invaded the rural surroundings bordering two states of Nasarawa and Taraba by land on one side as well as river on the other side.

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Chief Joseph Anawah, a community leader in Logo, told our correspondent by telephone that at about 11:00pm on Tuesday, the attackers killed the five people whose names he gave as, Torkaa Gbim, Celina Tavershima, Ayilaga Tavershima, Sonter Tavershima and Terkaa Tavershima.

He said some people were still missing while inhabitants in their droves have deserted their homes.

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Also, the Logo Council Chairman, Richard Nyajo, attributed the attack to suspected herders, adding that the deceased victims included four men and one woman.

The council chairman said he had reported the matter to the Force Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS), Major General Adeyemi Yekini.

But Major-General Yekini told journalists in Makurdi that the attack was a spill over of the Jukun/Tiv crisis which occurred on Tuesday in Kente, a Taraba State town bordering Benue.

Yekini said the attacked village sits close to the area of those affected troubled communities of Taraba.

“I spoke with the Security Adviser to Governor Samuel Ortom and he is already on his way to Wukari to find amicable solution to the internal communal crisis while our troops are also patrolling the border areas between the two states,” the Force Commander added.

Meanwhile, Nyajo and Anawah insisted that the attackers were suspected herders and that the invasion had nothing to do with the spill over of the Taraba crisis.

Contacted, the Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Benue State, Haruna Ibi, said he was not aware of any problem between herders and the locals in the area.

Consequently, Justice Babs Kuewumi adjourned the case to May 2 and 3, 2019 for continuation of trial.

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