

# 23 Killed In Fresh Benue Attacks

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**Twenty three persons were said to have been killed in attacks on various communities in Benue State between Sunday evening and early Monday.**

The gunmen reportedly killed 17 persons in two separate attacks on some rural communities of Gwer-West Local Government Area of the state.

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It was learnt that the attackers, who had in recent times raided several villages in Gwer West area, invaded Agbanu community along Naka-Agagbe road in Saghev Council Ward between 6pm and 7pm on Sunday, killing two of the inhabitants.

Witnesses said the Monday attack occurred around 5am when the invaders besieged Tse Amgbem community close to Aondoana in Gwer West LGA and killed 15 people, bringing casualties' figure in both incidents to 17.

Many others were said to have been wounded and several houses burnt, forcing villagers to flee. A villager said several people were missing, adding that those injured had been taken to a hospital.

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, Catherine Anene, said the attacks were reported, but that she had not received the details.