

5 killed in fresh Benue attack

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Five people have been reportedly killed in a fresh attack on Tse Udeghe village of Mbapa Council ward in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State.

Witnesses said several people were injured when the gunmen in large numbers allegedly stormed the village about 4:30pm on Thursday and opened fire on the inhabitants, killing four on the spot.

The witnesses also said the gunmen, about 7pm on the same Thursday, blocked the Naka-Makurdi road around Ahume village and opened fire on a vehicle on motion, during which one of the occupants was killed, bringing the number of deaths to five.

A former information officer of Gwer Local Government Area, Francis Ugbede, said the victims of the first attack included a father and his son, alongside two others.

The chairman of the local government, Mrs Grace Igbabon, who confirmed the incident to journalists in Makurdi, said she had donated 10 motorcycles to the military to aid security operations in the area.

The spokesman of the state police command, SP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive any report on the matter.