

# 9 killed in militia attack on Benue community

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At least nine people have been killed after an armed militia invasion on Anyom settlement in Mbatyula Council Ward of Kastina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State.

Villagers blamed the attack which happened in the early hours of Wednesday on a group of rival militia who had recently been on the prowl.

The villagers disclosed that rival militia groups had been wreaking havoc in Mbatyula and Mbayongo where the late wanted criminal kingpin, Terwase Akwaza, popularly known as Gana, hailed from.

The villagers also alleged that coordinated serial attacks were carried out in parts of Mbatyula council ward by the gunmen.

The caretaker Chairman of Kastina-Ala LGA, Zamzam Francis, confirmed the incident on telephone to our correspondent, saying, "Really, the incident happened. it was between the rival militias. It's among themselves. They are burning houses of innocent people and many people are suffering. That is what is happening. Nine people have been killed between Monday and Wednesday."