

# 28 killed in fresh attack on Benue community

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**A**t least 28 people including six personnel of Community Volunteer Guards (BSCVG) have been killed by armed invaders in the Gyaruwa axis of Gwer West Local Government Area in Benue State.

Locals said the attack spanned through Saturday and Monday during which the villagers were chased out of their abodes in Tse-Kperiyisa, Tse-Adaa and Tse-Shiver.

The locals explained that the six security personnel were killed while escorting some mourners to bury

their dead on Saturday and that by Sunday night, the attackers killed 16 people while the remaining six, which brought the number of casualties to 28 were killed along Adoka-Naka Road in Gwer West LGA.

The villagers listed the names of those killed in Tse-Kperiyisa as, Atayugh Aondona, Atayugh Monday, Atayugh Friday, Atibee Kperiyisa, Atibee Catherine, Anande Tete, Atsaga Ayange, Atsaga John Yeye, Oraduen Aondosoo and Ordem Msuega.

Others killed in Tse-Adaa included Msanhe Orgbo, and Ayageor Ankina while in Tse-Shiver, Gor Kyor and Ormba Gbem were among

those killed on Sunday night even as two other victims were rescued alive but later died in the hospital.

The villagers said the deceased had been buried, including Atayugh Aondona who was beheaded and the head taken away by his assailants.

Chairman of Gwer West LGA, Henry Agba, told journalists in Makurdi that the attack started on Saturday with the killing of six security personnel comprising Volunteer Guards and Livestock Guards.

Special Adviser to the Benue State Governor on External Security, Col. Alexander Anshungu (Rtd.) confirmed 16 people

were killed in the Gyaruwa vicinity where he visited for an on-the-spot assessment of the Sunday attack.

Officials of the Volunteer Guards were yet to react to the killing of their personnel at the time of filing this report as its Public Relations Officer promised to revert with details at a later time.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for the Benue Command, SP Catherine Anene, confirmed that the matter was reported to the police.

"By the time police got there, the villagers showed them the graves where those killed were buried," Anene added.