

13 Killed In Fresh Benue Attack

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At least 13 people were killed after armed invaders launched fresh attack on Olegomachi community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State.

Villagers said the incident which happened on Tuesday evening was the second invasion by the armed invaders in about 12 days.

A villager who declined to give his name told our correspondent that 13 dead bodies were counted by the time the dust settled in the latest incident while two people were killed in the previous attack.

The Agatu Council Chairman, Barr Phillip Ebenyakwu, confirmed the attack to journalists in Makurdi.

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Ebenyakwu said, “Yes, it’s confirmed. There was an attack. They gave me a list of 10 people killed. The attackers were armed with sophisticated weapons, they were looting, robbing and burning houses. And killed people.

“About seven houses were burnt down, they carried so many properties and animals – goats and fowls – were carted away. It has been reported to police. The DSS is aware too. I’m trying to ensure that security men visit the place. Arrangement is being made for them to visit the place.”

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) SP Catherine Anene, however said she was yet to receive any reports on the matter from the Agatu Divisional Officer (DPO).