

# 4 killed in fresh attack in Kogi community

Bandits have killed four persons in Bagana community of Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Two different clans of Igala ethnic extraction, Amagede Otutubatu and Ihiakpe, had been embroiled in a battle of interest on that axis of Omala LGA for ages, leading to destruction of lives and property.

The combatant clans ceased fire last year, though with reported staggering attacks, when the state government arrested a chief of the area, with two others for allegedly fuelling the crisis in the community.

In an attempt to restore normalcy on the axis of the state, the federal government established an army surveillance post to checkmate the fragile security situation in the area, bringing relative peace to the community.

However, last Saturday, four persons from the community were reportedly attacked and killed around 8.30pm along the Kogi-Benue border axis.

An elder in the community, Amodu Achimugwu, who confirmed the incident, said the victims of the attack, a woman and three young men, were on their way to attend a market at Oweto, a border town in Benue State, when they came under assault from the armed men.

Our reporter gathered on Monday that tension had gripped the axis of the state as the news of the attack started making the rounds in the community.

The state government is yet to issue a statement over the development. Officials contacted also declined to speak on the development.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Kogi State Command, SP William Aya, who was contacted on the issue, also declined comments.