

Herders Kill 17 Persons, Injure Many, Burn Houses In Benue Community

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MAKURDI – Thirteen persons were feared to have lost their lives in an attack on Tse Angbyee community, Mbamondo, Gwer-West Local Government Area of Benue State by persons suspected to be herdsmen.

Two other persons on a motorcycle were earlier ambushed and killed along the Naka/Nagi/Agagbe road by the herdsmen on Sunday, bringing the total number of deaths to fifteen.

However, unconfirmed reports placed the number of deaths in the attack on Angbyee community at between fifteen and seventeen.

Confirming, the death toll, Deputy Chairman of the council, Julius Ikyodio said 13 dead bodies have been recovered so far.

He also identified the two persons that were ambushed by the herdsmen as Friday Iordue and Peter Tema of Agbanu village.

He, however, declined further comment on the incident, adding that he was in a security meeting in respect to the incident and other similar ones that recently took place in the locality.

Daily Independent, however, gathered that the assailants who had laid siege on the community in the early hours of Monday also wounded several others, burnt down houses and displaced hundreds of persons.

According to our sources in the area, “Eleven people were killed and several others wounded; hundreds were displaced and are taking refuge in Aondoana close to Naka town”, the headquarters of the LGA.

We also learnt that the herdsmen had earlier laid ambush on the Naka/Nagi/ Agagbe road and killed two persons returning to Naka on a motorcycle.

According to our findings, some persons were lucky enough to have escaped the rampaging herdsmen who had taken over the road the whole of Sunday evening.

The incident led to a peaceful protest embarked upon by the LGA chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), expressing their grievances on the persistent attacks on the people of the area.

The CAN chairman in the LGA, Pastor Sule Sunday, who spoke on behalf of the Christian community in the area also cried out to the state government to intervene in the matter.

Efforts to get the state command of the Nigeria police to confirm the incident proved abortive