

Herdsman Kill Middled-Aged Man In Benue After Collecting N5.5m Ransom'



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MAKURDI – Fulani herdsman have allegedly kidnapped and killed a middle-aged man in Akor, Nzorov Council Ward of Guma Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State, after collecting a ransom of about N5.5 million from the family of the deceased.

Efforts to get the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue State Command, CSP Sewuese Anene and the relevant government authorities to comment on the matter as at the time of compiling this report did not yield any fruitful result.

Daily Independent gathered that the man who was identified as Terzungwe Shaku, a prominent farmer and businessman, who owns a provision store in Akor, was kidnapped by the herdsman shortly before the New Year and kept with his abductors for over two weeks, before he was finally shot dead by the kidnappers.

It was also learned that the abduction and killing of the farmer has thrown Akor village into turmoil, with some of the residents living in fear of the unknown.

Although, Daily Independent was unable to reach any of the nucleus member of the family for comments, we were able to get another close relation of the family, who told us that the herdsmen had demanded a ransom of N10 million, but the family pleaded and agreed with the herdsmen on N5.5 million.

Confirming the incident, the source who would not want his name in print said, "It is true. Akor, is my village. He (Terzungwe) owns a provision shop in Akor; early last year Fulani herdsmen had attacked him.

"But this time around, the herdsmen kidnapped him, just before the New Year and took him away for about two weeks. They demanded a ransom of N10 million but his family negotiated with them and they arrived at a ransom of N5.5 million.

"Unfortunately, the herdsmen killed him at the same spot where they had directed the family to drop the ransom. What happened is that he was eventually shot and killed by his abductors.

"The relatives dropped the ransom at the spot they were ordered to and had barely moved out of the area when they heard gunshots and immediately returned to the spot and saw his lifeless body sprawled out on the ground and I believe he has already been buried," the source explained.