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A fresh clash between Fulani herdsmen and Agatu people in Omala local government area of Kogi State have left nothing less than five people dead, one badly injured and unconfirmed number of cows killed.

An eyewitness, Mr James Ochoga, who was in the market at time of the invasion told journalists that it was not clear why the gunmen from Agatu in Benue State would decide to bring their shooting range prowess to Kogi State market, saying he overheard them speaking in their language, Idoma, that they had gotten their target.

He said the invaders numbering over 15 started shooting immediately they got down from their vehicle, ostensibly targeting the Fulani's, who they accused of killing a considerable number of their people.

One Sunday Ebenehi informed journalists that the attack may not be unconnected with several raids and killing pioneered by Fulani herdsmen which claimed the lives of many Agatu people in recent times, adding that nobody had monopoly of violence saying, "if there is no general war, there can be general peace."

According to Omala council boss, Labaran Oyiyebe, it is confirmed that five people were killed. He, however, frowned at the attitude of Agatu people and accused them of turning the community into a war zone.

He further stressed that the local government has taken the responsibility of offsetting the hospital bill of the injured and burial expenses of the dead.

The police spokesman in the state, ASP Emeh Emma, confirmed the incident. He however, said the headquarters is yet to receive full details of the invasion, promising to give the details to journalists when it was ready.

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