

5 killed as herdsmen attack Benue communities

THE orgy of violence in parts of Benue State continued yesterday as rampaging Fulani militia shot and killed five Tiv farmers in Tse Dzungwe, Mbakorya, Tombo ward of Logo Local Government Area of the state. The herdsmen, who were said to be armed with sophisticated weapons, have also permanently occupied all the settlements in Tombo ward. According to sources, the settlement occupied by Fulani militia area Tse Tse Dzungwe, Adzegeh, Tse Gbeleve, Tse Avule, Anyibe, Tse Ibwar and Ikyungwa villiage. The dead victims were said to have returned to their homes after heeding the call by Brigadier General Atom Kpera-led Benue Peace and Reconciliation Committee that displaced people should return to their homes. According to Tyodugh Aper, a community leader in Mbakorya, the victims were attacked and killed in their farms while working on their farms ahead of the new farming season. Youths of the community were said to have protested the killings. A police officer in the local government area, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed the killing and said they are making efforts to arrest the herdsmen.