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Herdsmen kill 16 in Benue community

SIXTEEN persons were yesterday killed by suspected herdsmen in Tse-Kuma, Mbachohon Local Government Ward in Gwer West Local Government Area, Benue State.

But, the Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS), Major-General Adeyemi Ye-kini, said seven bodies were recovered after the attack.

The council Chairman, Francis Ayaga, said the sus-

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From Uja Emmanuel, Makurdi

pected herdsmen stormed Tse-Kuma village yesterday and sacked the Mbachohon council ward.

An indigene of the local government, Francis Ugbede, said the herdsmen took over ward.

Ugbede added that they

came with many cattles, which were grazing on farm lands and destroying crops and after they shot and killed farmers.

He said the attack has led to humanitarian crisis in the council as those who fled the troubled area have nowhere to stay.

Ugbede told *The Nation* that

women with children were seen trekking long distances without food and water.

He called on humanitarian agencies and the government to intervene as a matter of urgency.

The Nation gathered that since 2012, herdsmen have launched sustained attacks on the people of Gwer West, especially against farmers.

members defect to Kwara APC