

# Gunmen kill 18 in Benue, Nasarawa communities

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**M**ULTIPLE attacks by gunmen on Benue and Nasarawa communities have left 18 persons dead and property destroyed.

On Tuesday, about 13 persons were reportedly killed when gunmen attacked some communities in Guma council area in Benue.

The assailants also attacked Torkula community, it was said.

Caleb Abs, chairman of Guma council said about 13 people were killed in both attacks.

"It is true that there was an attack yesterday. There was a burial in Torkula and people coming back from the burial came under attack and about five people were killed," he said.

"About 10pm yesterday, there was another attack at Branch Ude where about eight people were killed.

"Two people were injured according to the information I received, and they are now receiving treatment in the hospital."

In Nasarawa, police confirmed that five Tiv farmers were killed by suspected herdsmen.

The attack took place at Gidan Sule village in Keana Local Government Areas of the state in the early hours of yesterday.