

# 12 shot dead in Benue community

**T**WELVE persons have been shot dead by unknown attackers in the Iye community in Guma Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State.

The Nation learnt that the marauders stormed Iye at about 3am yesterday and opened fire on the villagers'

From Uja Emmanuel, Makurdi houses while the occupants were fast asleep.

Those who attempted to escape were gunned down.

Commissioner of Police in Benue, Mr. Julius Okoro, told journalists that the corpses of seven victims of the attack had been recovered.

It was gathered that the gunmen also suffered casualties.

A survivor of the attack, Peter Gbor, told The Nation that two of the attackers were killed by a combined team of Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS) a military troop, the Police and Community Volunteer Guards (CVG).