

Suspected herdsmen kill five farmers in Benue community



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An eyewitness, Terlumen Kwagabee, who escaped the attack told The Nation on phone that the attackers stormed the community under the guise of grazing and immediately opened fire on harmless farmers who were back from church service.

“Five people were killed at the spots, many others sustained various degrees of injuries while houses were set ablaze,” said Kwagbee.

Five farmers were on Sunday morning killed by terrorists masquerading as herders at Udedeku community in Maav-Ya, Mkoonmom district, Mbaikyor Council Ward of Turan Jato-Aka Kwande Local Government Area of [Benue State](#).

According to him, the bodies of those killed have been deposited at a morgue in the area.

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For over a decade, five council wards in Turan and three in Ikyurav- Ya, all in the Moon district of Kwandel Local Government Area, have been occupied by herdsmen.

Condemning the latest attack, the federal lawmaker representing Kwande/ Ushongo Federal Constituency, Terseer

Ugbor, said the people of Udeku village, Mbaikyor council ward of Turan were peace loving.

He said his people were more concerned with their farming activities, calling on the security agencies to fish out the perpetrators.