

# Death toll in attack on Benue community rises to 24

**D**EATH toll in the herds-  
men attacks on Gwer West  
communities has risen to  
24.

More bodies were yesterday  
discovered in the bush after sus-  
pected herdsmen launched a blis-  
tering attack on Kperiyisa, Adaa  
and Shiver communities in Gwer  
West Local Government area on  
Monday.

Gwer West, which borders  
Agatu and Makurdi councils, has  
been under incessant herdsmen

From Uja Emmanuel, Makurdi

attack.

In one of the community,  
mourners were said to be observ-  
ing a wake when gunmen opened  
fire on them. Many people were  
killed while others sustained inju-  
ries.

In Adaa and Shiver, the herds-  
men moved from house to house  
and opened fire on occupants.

Any eyewitness, Manasseh Uke,  
said the attack happened between

9 and 10pm on Monday when  
most people were still awake.

The dead have since been bur-  
ied.

Meanwhile, there was a peace-  
ful protest by communities on the  
Makurdi-Naka road over the in-  
cessant killings.

The protesters with placards  
and green leaves blocked the Mak-  
urdi-Naka highway and sang soli-  
darity songs, calling on the Federal  
Government to protect farmers so  
they can return to their farms.

FECC to arrive Gwer West Chief Priest today