

•Motorists queue for petrol at MRS Petrol Station on Kodeso, Ikeja ...yesterday

## Suspected herders kill five in Benue communities

•Many rendered homeless

**S**USPECTED armed herds-  
men have attacked and  
killed five persons with  
property worth millions de-  
stroyed in Iwari and Olegag-  
bane communities in Agatu Lo-  
cal Government Area of Benue  
State.

Agatu Local Government Area, located in Benue South Senatorial District, with a massive Fadama that is spread across River Benue, has been under herdsmen attacks since 2018.

**From Uja Emmanuel, Makurdi**

The herdsmen attacked Iwari community on Saturday and killed about two persons. There after, they moved to the Olegagbane community and killed four persons.

A victim, who escaped from the scene of the attack, Adamu Ocheme, told The Nation on phone that the attackers stormed their village in the night and surrounded them be-

fore opening fire on houses. In the Melee that ensured four persons were killed and many others sustained various injuries.

"They destroyed farm lands, set houses ablaze and looted property"

He said many persons in the affected communities had fled for fear of unknown safe areas.

The Caretaker Committee Chairman, Agatu Local Government Council, Phillip Eben-

yakwu, who confirmed the incidents, expressed concern over the continued killing of his people and called on security agencies to intervene.

"Our challenge is how to manage the displaced people from the affected communities," he said.

The Benue Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Kate Anene, a Superintendent of Police, said she was yet to get information about the killings.