

# 10 killed as herders attack Ebonyi community

**A**RMED men suspected to be herders yesterday morning attacked Amegw Nkalagha community in Ishielu Local Government, Ebonyi State, killing 10 residents and burning houses.

The incident is believed to be a reprisal attack following the killing of some cows belonging to the herders.

A member of the communi-

From Ogochukwu Anioke,  
Abakaliki

ty, Prof Ndubuisi Idenyi, confirmed the attack.

He said: "I don't have the number of casualties right now. We are still tracking and bringing out the dead bodies, especially those killed in the farms."

Another source said a cleric of a pentecostal church was

among those killed in the attack.

But, the source, who pleaded anonymity, said the community members were not responsible for the killing of the cows.

"We did not kill their cows. The cows were killed by members of the Eastern Security Network (ESN) in the forest," the source who pleaded ano-

nymity said.

Chairperson of Isheilul Local Government, Ifeoma Peace Agwu, confirmed the incident.

She said: "We are taking the victims' bodies to the mortuary. I cannot talk much about it now. We will give more details later," she said.

Police spokesperson, Joshua Ukandu, however, said confirmed the incident.