

Pastor, wife, nine others killed by bandits in Benue community



•Rainstorm wreaks havoc

Eleven persons have been reportedly killed in Afia, Ukum Local Government Area in **Benue State**.

The incident coincided with the visit by the National Security Adviser (NSA), Mallam Enugu Ribadu, who was on fact-finding mission with a message from Mr. President.

Unconfirmed report said the bandits stormed Afia settlement, set houses ablaze, killed 11 persons, including the NKST Pastor and his wife.

The news of the killing filtered into Banquet Hall of Government House, Makurdi, where Governor Hyacinth Alia and his visitor Ribadu, were holding a meeting to find lasting solutions to the killings.

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There was, however, no confirmation on the killing.

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Also, rainstorm wreaked havoc in Makurdi yesterday.

The one hour down pour, accompanied by rainstorm, caused a lot of damaged to public and private property.

Some offices, shops and residential houses had their roofs blown off.

Electricity poles were pulled down and economic trees fallen.

At press time, there was no electricity supply as a result of the rainstorm.