Suspected herders kill 10 in Benue community

- *Bandits abduct five in Plateau*

Ten persons were reportedly killed in Mbakundu, Mbaya Ward, Buruku Local Government Area in **Benue State** on Sunday night, after suspected armed herdsmen stormed it, and set houses ablaze.

Also, bandits attacked Dogon Ruwa community in Bashar district, Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State, abducting five residents on market day yesterday.

In the melee that ensued in Benue, some people were gunned down by the invaders.

The number of casualties is yet to be known but a member of the community who escaped from the attacks, Solomon Zawua, said he saw over 10 bodies on the ground.

The attacks are coming when security personnel are being deployed to troubled communities.

House of Representative member, representing Buruku Federal constituency, Sekav Iyortyom, condemned the attacks and killings.

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Iyortyom called on security agencies to provide security for his people to enable them to return to their farms.

The lawmakers called on the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to provide relief materials for the displaced.

According to sources, the bandits burgled shops and business centres, carting away huge quantities of food items and medicines in Plateau.

Our correspondent gathered that at the market, which attracts hundreds of visitors from neighbouring communities, traders sell food items, including flour, rice, beans, drinks and other items.

Shapi'i Sambo, a youth leader, told The Nation that the bandits arrived around 11 am, on motorcycles and started shootings when residents and visitors were transacting businesses, forcing people to flee.