

Many feared killed as armed herdsmen attack Benue community



Many persons were feared killed while others sustained gunshot wounds following an attack by suspected herdsmen on Tse Akenyi Agan council ward, Makurdi Local Government Area, **Benue State**.

The attack occurred on Thursday while activities marking the second anniversary of Governor Hyacinth Alia were ongoing at IBB Square in Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

Agan is located on the Makurdi-Lafia federal highway and is home to thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) affected by herdsmen attacks on communities in Guma and Makurdi local government areas.

The attack, which took place in broad daylight, saw many people running for dear lives.

There was tension and fear, forcing the Executive Chairman of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Dr. James Iorpuu, to abandon activities marking the second anniversary of Governor Alia and rushed to the Abagana IDPs camp to ensure their safety.

The invaders stormed Tse Akenyi, shooting sporadically at residents, mostly peasant farmers.

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A resident who escaped the attack, Peter Iorbee, told The Nation “this is the second time suspected herdsmen have attacked the settlement.”

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Iorbee stated that some people were shot and killed on their farms while others were missing.

The Executive Chairman of SEMA, Dr. James Iorpuu, said: "I heard fake news that herdsmen attacked the IDPs camp in Abagana, so I rushed to the camp only to discover that it was truly fake."

Tse Akenyi is a settlement located within the IDPs camp, in Camp Abagana, Makurdi Local Government area.

The Benue Police Command confirmed the incident, saying that an investigation had commenced.