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Gunmen, on Thursday, invaded Governor Gabriel Suswam's country home and killed five persons.

Saturday Tribune learnt that about 100 gunmen suspected to be Fulani militia attacked villages like Chembe, Ifer and Tse Gundu near Anyiin around Anawah settlement in Ukemberaga/Tswarev ward of Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

According to residents of the area, who spoke with Saturday Tribune, the gunmen came in two groups using different routes to invade the affected villages, adding that a group entered through Ikapa-Tse Gundu road to attack Chembe village while the other group emerged from a far route into Achive compound.

The witness added that the latter group mounted road blocks along Anyiin-Wukari road and shot sporadically.

The gunmen were said to have carried out the attack for several hours despite the presence of military personnel in the area.

Senior Special Assistant to the governor on Media, Chief Anawah Joseph, who hails from one of the affected areas, said that two bodies were discovered in the latest attack.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) SP Dan Ezeala, however, said that the Fulanis were not the perpetrators of the incident but that it was a robbery attack at Chinwe, where he said two corpses were found.

Ezeala maintained that when the information got to anti-terrorism squad deployed to the area, they instantly moved to the scene only to find two bodies, adding that "there was no destruction of property. So, from all indications, it is not a Fulani attack, but a robbery incident."

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