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## Suspected Fulani herdsmen kill 12 in Suswam's LG, sack villages

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TWELVE persons were reported killed in a renewed crisis between Tiv farmers and Fulani herdsmen in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State on Tuesday night.

The suspected Fulani herdsmen were said to have attacked Tse Tume and Agaraga villages in the crisis that spanned till Wednesday.

The assailants also razed over 45 houses and huts in the affected communities in a renewed attack on the local government area.

According to sources, the invaders struck the affected communities at about 8.00p.m on Tuesday, shooting sporadically and chasing the villagers away from their homes.

"It was around 8.00p.m that the people started hearing sounds of gunshots from every direction of the village, and in that confusion, people started scampering for safety.

"Unfortunately, about 12 of them were caught up with and killed, while many sustained injuries while trying to escape."

"As I speak with you now, the attackers are still ravaging villages and as a result, many of the villagers are still missing and many have been rendered homeless because over 45 houses and huts were razed by the herdsmen, who beat a retreat after the attack."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Austin Ezeani, confirmed the attack, but said three persons were killed.

Ezeani also confirmed that several houses and huts were razed by the assailants, but noted that the attackers retreated when security personnel stormed the area.

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