

Troops repel, kill 2 suspected bandits in Benue

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TROOPS of the **Operation Whirl Stroke (OPWS)** in Benue State have again killed two bandits at a camp near the boundary between Nasarawa and Benue states.

The suspects, believed to be herdsmen and armed with weapons, had stormed Tse-Torkula community in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State on Wednesday, injuring two villagers before the arrival of troops of OPWS.

A native of the community who identified himself as Torkuma Jande said the attackers invaded the community at about 6:30 p.m. and began shooting sporadically.

Jande said: "Leaders in

our community had to alert troops of OPWS who are stationed at neighbouring Umenger and Ukaa communities, but before they could get to the community, the herdsmen had left

"The troops of OPWS, however, traced the herdsmen, searching for them till early hours of Thursday, when they stormed their camp near the Benue/Nasarawa boundary in Keana."

The Force Commander of OPWS, Major-General Adeyemi Yekini, could not be reached as calls made to his phone did not connect.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, however, said she was yet to receive report of any attack from that axis.