

# ① Suspected herdsmen kill 5 in Benue gov's village

## 2 persons were killed, 5 injured —Police

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**S**USPECTED herdsmen, in the early hours of Sunday, killed five persons at Tse Apera village in Nzorov in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

Tse Apera is the state governor, Dr Samuel Ortom's village.

Narrating how the attack occurred, a native of the area who identified himself as Tseagba said the assailants spoke their language during the attack, during which several persons sustained injuries.

Tseagba said the attackers knocked on their victims' doors and attacked them when they came out.

"It was the cry of people that woke me, and I fled to hide in the bush until daybreak. We discovered the bodies of five victims, with one of them beheaded," Tseagba said.

Confirming the attack, Guma Local Government Area chairman, Caleb Aba, said that three persons were killed by the suspected herdsmen, just as he confirmed

that one of the victims was beheaded.

Aba, who spoke to the *Nigerian Tribune* on the phone, said: "The attack happened around 5:00 a.m. on Sunday. The herdsmen invaded the village (Tse Apera) and shot at their victims.

"And for the households that were yet to wake up, the hoodlums knocked on their

doors and when they opened, they were shot.

"On the spot, they killed two persons, with one of them beheaded, while eight others were injured.

"Of those wounded, six were taken to the teaching hospital and two to the General Hospital in Gbajimba. However, one of those taken to teaching hospital died yes-

terday morning (Monday)."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the attack, adding that two persons were killed.

Anene said: "We recorded an attack on Sunday morning where two persons died, while five were injured. I am not aware of anyone being beheaded."