

# Herdsmen attack Benue community, Kill 2, burn houses

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SUSPECTED herdsmen have renewed attack on Benue community as two people were reportedly killed at Igama community in Ojogwards, Okpokwu Local Government area of the state.

A source said that the suspected herders invaded the community killing two persons and burnt several houses.

The suspected killer herders were said to have shot sporadically on entering the community.

Chairman of Okpokwu LG, Mrs Amina Audu who confirmed the attack to newsmen on Saturday said that the herdsmen attacked and killed people without provocation, adding that it was the third time in the last two

weeks herders would attack communities in the council area.

She said, "Fulani herdsmen came and attacked the community and burnt houses and a woman was found dead.

Mrs Audu said the incident was reported to the police after which some security personnel were detailed to the area to forestall any breakdown of law and order.

She also noted that men of the Livestock Guards were also sent to the area but the herders quickly ran away before the security men arrived.

"They have attacked the community for three consecutive times since January 13, 2022. They will just come into the community and attack them. They normally come in the afternoon.