

Suspected herders kill five in Benue

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SUSPECTED Fulani herdersmen on Tuesday stormed another community in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State and murdered five people in their sleep.

Several people were re-

portedly injured in the two-hour attack on Tse Ahentse community in Ndzorov council ward of the local government.

It was gathered that the Fulani herdersmen had stormed the sleepy community between 4:00 am and 6:00 am on Tuesday and shot sporadically.

A native of the community

who pleaded anonymity said that the herders invaded the village and held the people hostage for hours and in the process killed five people and injured several others.

The chairman of Guma Local Government, Caleb Aba, confirmed the invasion of the herders to newsmen on Wednesday, disclosing that five people were killed.

He said, "It (the attack) happened early hours of yesterday (Tuesday). These innocent people were sleeping in their homes between 4.00 am and 5:30am when suspected Fulani herdersmen attacked the community and started shooting.

"They killed five members of the community and injured two others. There was

no earlier provocation at all. The village is called Tse Ahente.

"Operation Whirl Stroke is situated at lordye, very close to the scene, but I wonder what kept them for so long because when the shooting started, somebody ran to inform them but they could not come to the scene until they ensured that the herders had

done what they wanted and left before they went to the place," Aba stated.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, SP Catherine Anene, said that four people were killed and one person had been hospitalised. He added that investigation into the attack was ongoing.

Police parade 200 bandits