

# Suspected herders kill 5 in fresh Benue attack

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SUSPECTED herders on Friday invaded Tse Alashi community in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State and killed five people.

It was gathered that the attackers came around 1.00 p.m. and attacked people who were working on their farms, killing six of them in the process.

But the chairman of the local government, Caleb Aba, who confirmed the attack, said that five people were killed.

"The incident happened around 1 o'clock this afternoon when some Fulani herders invaded a community called Tse Alashi and killed three people who were working on their farm.

They also moved to a place where people were laying burnt bricks and killed two people," Aba said.

Also confirming the attack, the Security Adviser to the State Governor, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Hamba (retd.), said five people were killed.

"It was an unprovoked attack. The people were on their farm working when the herders surrounded them and killed them," Hamba said in a telephone interview.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, confirmed the attack but said she could not ascertain the casualty figure as the team drafted to the scenes had yet to arrive with a report.