

2 Benue attack: Police arrest four suspects, one dies

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FOUR suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack at Igama village in Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State.

One of the suspects, however, died from the injury he sustained during the gun duel with police operatives in their hideout.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, in a statement made available to newsmen in Makurdi, said the suspects who were trapped in the bush were arrested after the gun duel.

The suspected herders had invaded Igama community on Sunday, where they killed 15 people and set ablaze all the buildings in the community.

Anene said: "Police teams deployed in the area in collaboration with other security agencies have been on cordon-and-search operations inside the forest.

"On June 15, at about 5:00 a.m., the attackers, who were trapped in the bush, engaged the police in a gun duel that led to arrest of the suspects in their hideout.

"One of the suspects, Musa Dako, sustained injuries and was admitted at St. Mary's Hospital, Okpoga for treatment, where he eventually gave up the ghost and his corpse deposited at the morgue of the same hospital.