

Gunmen attack Benue community, 10 feared killed

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TEN people were reportedly killed after gunmen attacked Ukoosaa-Atam community in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State on Monday.

According to residents of the area, the gunmen, who rode on motorcycles, invaded the village and shot sporadically at people inside Keke NAPEP, on motorcycles and those in their homes.

A source said at the end of the attack, 10 corpses were recovered.

A resident who did not want his name mentioned said: "Some bandits on Monday rode to Ukoosa-Atam, a kilometre after Ayati town,

headquarters of Borikyo council ward, Ukum Local Government Area.

"The gunmen attacked a Keke NAPEP, killing all the passengers and the driver.

"The gunmen rode on motorcycles and shot indiscriminately, just as they also attacked surrounding houses in the village."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Catherine Anene, said she was out of town.

However, the state Security Adviser, Joseph Har, said the government was already aware of the situation in Ukum council area, adding that everything is being done to restore peace in the area.