## Gunmen kill two soldiers, others in Benue

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Six people including two soldiers were reportedly killed by some gunmen suspected to be killer herdsmen in a renewed attack on Egwuma community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue.

Source in the local government said that the attackers invaded the community around 5 pm and attacked the community.

Consequently, the community is sad to have been deserted as residents have fled the village.

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The Caretaker Chairman of Agatu LGA, Philip Ebenyakwu said that six people including two soldiers lost their lives during the attack.

According to him, "Yes, there was serious attack in Egwuma yesterday (Tuesday) and we lost about six lives including two soldiers.

"The incident happened around after 5 pm. They were coming from Kogi state because we have boundary with them from the Guma axis. They crossed in from Kogi state, took the soldiers by surprise, and began to shoot sporadically.

"They killed six persons with two soldiers and took their guns and ran away. We also have other casualties.

"We have contacted security in that regard and the soldiers are mobilising; the Navy, Airforce commandant, the Commissioner of Police and the Chief Security Aides to the Benue state Governor, to get to the area."

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer for the state command, Catherine Anene said she did not have the report.

"I don't have this report please," the PPRO said in a terse text message.

Also when contacted, the Security Adviser to the governor, Joseph Har said he was in a meeting and could not talk.