

Fulani herdsmen kill five in Benue community

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No fewer than five persons were killed on Thursday night by Fulani herdsmen at Okokolo village in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State.

Saturday PUNCH learnt that many houses and other properties were also set ablaze in the renewed carnage.

A relative of one of the victims, who simply identified himself as Okoh, said the assailants were about 30 and wielded sophisticated weapons.

Okoh said his little sister, Mary, was among those killed by the Fulani herdsmen.

The Benue State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Dibal Yakadi, confirmed the attack, but denied knowledge of any killing.

Yakadi said it was a clash between Fulani herders and Agatu youths.

He said the clash was as a result of cattle rustling by the Agatu youths.

According to him, 10 houses were razed when the Fulani herdsmen went to recover their cows.

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