

ICYMI: How suspected herdsmen killed our member in Benue — Commander, livestock guards

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Suspected Fulani herdsmen on Friday shot and killed a member of livestock guards in Makurdi, Benue State capital.

Livestock guards in conjunction with agro rangers are responsible for the implementation of the state anti-open grazing law.

The incident, according to a source, happened around 6pm at Mballah Council Ward in Makurdi.

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Narrating how the attack was carried out, the Commander of livestock guards, Linus Zaki, said the suspects laid in ambush for the guards who were on patrol.

Zaki said, “The armed men came in through some areas where they knew troops were not stationed. We (livestock guards) were coming on motorcycles and suddenly heard gunshots from both sides of the road. They succeeded in killing one of our guards and injured one other.”

The Security Adviser to the governor, Lt. Col. Paul Hembra (retd.), confirmed the attack.

He said, “There was an incident of an attack on members of livestock guards who went out on patrol in company with agro rangers to Mballah Council Ward, close to NASME Barracks in Makurdi.

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“They were ambushed by suspected herdsmen bandits who laid in ambush and suddenly opened fire on them, killing one of them instantly and injuring the other one badly. He is currently receiving treatment.”

Hembra stated that the incident was reported to *Operation Whirl Stroke* but the bandits had disappeared before the operatives arrived at the scene.

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