Two Benue mourners' killers shot dead during gun duel with police

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The Benue State Police Command on Monday confirmed the killing of two gunmen who reportedly attacked and killed four mourners at the wake of an elderly woman at Imande Abul village, Mbater council ward, in the Logo Local Government Area of the state.

Recall that some gunmen had in the early hours of November 13 invaded the sleepy community during a wake and killed four people, while five persons were critically injured.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, said detectives on Sunday stormed the hideout of the criminals at Tse Nom in the Ukum LGA of the state.

"On sighting the policemen, the hoodlums engaged them in an intense gun duel, but they were overpowered by the police.

"Three suspects were arrested with gunshot injuries and rushed to the General Hospital, Ugba, for treatment. Two of the suspects have been confirmed dead by a doctor, while one is responding positively to treatment.

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"The corpses of the deceased suspects have been deposited in the hospital's morgue," Anene said in a statement.

She noted that one AK-47 rifle loaded with five rounds of live ammunition, one locally-made G3 rifle loaded with four rounds of live ammunition, assorted charms, a knife and one motorcycle, were recovered from the suspects.