

## Benue attacks: Police, gunmen clash, one killed, three arrested

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**T**HREE suspects have been arrested in connection with the attack on Igama community, in the Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State.

Our correspondent had reported that suspected

herders invaded the community in the early hours of Sunday and killed 15 people.

The assailants also burnt down houses in the area. The state police spokesperson, Catherine Anene, in a statement on Thursday, said a suspect died due to the injuries he sustained while the gang engaged operatives in a gun battle.

The statement read in part, "Police teams deployed in the area in collaboration with other security agents have been on cordon-and-search operations in the forest.

"On June 15, around 5am, the attackers, who were trapped in the bush, engaged the police in a gun duel that led to the arrest of the following

suspects in their hideout: Umar Nuhu, Dauda Alhaji, Musa Dako and Umaru Alhaji Sale.

"One of the suspects, Musa Dako, sustained injuries and was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Okpoga, for treatment, where he eventually gave up the ghost and the corpse was deposited at the same hospital.

"Three other suspects are in custody for further investigation."