

Six killed in herders' attack on Benue community

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Six people were killed on Thursday by suspected Fulani herders in a fresh attack in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

The attack, according to a local who simply identified himself as Terna, occurred at Umella village in Mbawa ward of the local government around 3pm.

"Some Fulani herders came into Umella community around 3pm yesterday (Thursday) and attacked the villagers, shot and macheted them.

"Gunshots rent the air when they came, which made people run helter-skelter but at the time the attackers left, six dead bodies were found" Terna said.

The local gave the names of the deceased to include Aginde Ibember, Orfega Ibember, Alex Msuega, Tsula Iortyer, Verlumun Ortese and one other whose identity was yet unknown.

Confirming the attack to journalists on the phone, the Chairman of the local government, Mike Uba said that the herders invaded Umella community around afternoon and killed six people.

The Security Adviser to the State Governor, Lt Col Paul Hembra (retcd.), also confirmed the attack, saying, "the information I have is that six people were killed in an unprovoked attack on Umella community on Thursday afternoon."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene said she had yet to receive information from the area.