Gunmen kill six in Benue night attack

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Some gunmen, on Sunday night, invaded Igba-Ukyor and Tse Baka communities in the Ushongo Local Government Area of Benue State, killing six people.

According to a resident, the attackers rode into Igba Ukyor community on motorcycles at about 8pm, shooting indiscriminately, leading to the death five persons.

The resident, who did not want his name mentioned for security reasons, said the gunmen later moved to another community nearby where they killed one person.

"As a result of the invasion, some of the villagers ran into the bush last night for fear of being attacked. They only returned this morning from their hiding," the resident said.

Confirming the attack, the Benue State Publicity Secretary of Peoples Democratic Party, Bemgba Iortyom, who hails from the local government, said six people were killed by the gunmen.

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He said, "Information available to me indicates that the unknown gunmen riding on Bajaj motorcycles stormed Igba-Ukyor settlement area of Daav, Ikóv Council Ward of Ushongo LGA at about 8pm yesterday (Sunday), and shot indiscriminately with automatic firearms, killing five persons on the spot.

"They were said to have proceeded to a Tse Baka, which is a nearby settlement and killed one person.

"Information regarding their identity and motives are yet to be ascertained."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in Benue State, Catherine Anene, said she had yet to be briefed.