

Gunmen kill couple, one other in Benue

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Illustration image: Gunmen

Gunmen were reported to have killed three people, including an aged couple in the Ikpele community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State.

A resident of the community, who did not want to be mentioned, said that the incident happened at the weekend when gunmen stormed the community.

Several people were reportedly injured during the invasion, but residents of the area could not ascertain those behind the dastardly act.

The resident said, "It's becoming difficult to identify the killers. Sometimes, the attack could be propelled by the communities involved in land or chieftaincy tussles, while at other times, it could be a direct assault from armed herders."

A member representing Agatu State Constituency at the Benue State House of Assembly, Godwin Edoh, who confirmed the killing, expressed deep concern about the incessant killings in the local government.

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The lawmaker said that an aged couple was among the victims of the latest killing.

He said, "A husband and wife who are advanced in age were killed inside their house during the attack."

Efforts to get the Council Chairman, Phillip Ebenyaku, were not successful as calls made to his cellphone did not connect.

The spokesperson for the State Police Command, Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive a report about the incident.