

Police confirm three killed in fresh Benue attack

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The Benue State Police Command has confirmed attack on Yelwata community in Guma Local Government Area of the state.

In a statement issued on Monday, the spokesperson for the command, DSP, Udemé Edet, said that the attack happened at about 5am in two communities, Yelwata and Udei.

According to Edet, the police tactical units deployed to Udei repelled them after engaging them in a shootout and they escaped through the border forest.

The statement read, “At about 0700hrs, police tactical teams deployed to Yelwata, heard gun shots from armed men heading towards Yelwata town.

“In response, the police tactical teams and other security agents on ground braced up against the invaders with superior fire power.

“The bandits were eventually repelled and they fled with gunshot injuries.

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“Unfortunately, when the security units in Yelwata pursued the bandits into the forest, it was discovered that they had attacked some persons who had earlier gone to their farms at the outskirts of the village, three persons sustained serious injuries.

“They were taken to Benue State University Teaching Hospital where they are currently receiving treatment, while three other persons were confirmed dead.”

The statement added that the Commissioner of Police, Emenari Ifeanyi, has commiserated with family members and friends of the deceased and pledged his commitment to continually fight criminality in the area.

While appreciating the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun, for his support, the CP also commended the Yelwata women for stopping their protest by listening to top state government officials deployed by the Governor of Benue State.

The CP called on the people especially youths, to keep on working and supporting security agencies in their communities and report security concerns to the nearest Divisional Police Officer and other appropriate authorities.