

committee had to prepare the first interim report without the input from the government. He, however, stated that they were expecting the government to make

Gunmen kill 13 in Benue

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Gunmen on Wednesday killed 13 persons at a crowded village market in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

The armed men stormed the Kyado market, a boundary town between Benue and Taraba states after they sighted their target around the area.

They stormed the market which is located close to Wukari in Taraba State at about 1pm in commando style and opened fire, randomly killing 13 and

and issues the government must look into, pointing out that the committee would have required more time and members to carry out their job.

injuring several others in the process of getting their target.

Speaking to newsmen on the matter, the member representing the area in the House of Assembly, who is also the Majority Leader, Paul Biam, disclosed that 13 people were killed in the tragic incident.

But spokesman of the state police command, ASP. Austin Ezeani, confirmed that three people were killed while five others who were injured were responding to treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

He, however, disclosed that investigation into the incident had commenced.

He praised the efforts and actions of the council that had led to the successful privatization of both NITEL/MTEL and the power sector which he said was a pride not only for Nigeria, but indeed, Africa.

Sambo said though there might be some lack of information on some of the privatization processes, but all decisions taken were based on sound professional advice that has led to the success of the privatization exercise.

The vice president commended the BPE for the tremendous improvement while urging the management to continue in that direction.

"I am looking forward to extending the same experience and support to the incoming government to ensure that we succeed in this privatization venture and ultimately to contribute positively towards the progress and development of our great country," he said.