

# Herdsman kill man, pregnant wife in Benue

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**A pregnant woman and her husband have been killed by suspected herdsman in Tarkende village near Umenger District in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State. According to the Chairman of Guma LGA, Anthony Shawon, the herdsman invaded the village at about 2am yesterday and started shooting sporadically while the villagers scampered out of their sleep and ran into hiding.**

Shawon said that one woman among those who escaped the onslaught told him that she ran for about 30 kilometers before she got to another village.

“The herders came at 2am and pitched their camp all over the place. They are grazing and killing people. As we speak, Chief of Ujaende is with me begging that soldiers should come and patrol their area so that they can go to farm. That is the situation in all parts of Guma,” the council boss said.

When contacted, police public relations officer, Catherine Anene, said the command received a report of herdsmen's attack in the area and had dispatched operatives to the place.

“Yes, we received the report. Somebody actually called to alert the police and as I talk to you now, a team of policemen has been sent to the area to confirm the incidence. The team is on its way to the area and the media will be briefed appropriately on the matter when the team returns,” Anene said.