

6 killed by suspected herdsmen in Benue

From **Rose Ejembi,**
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AT least, six people were gruesomely murdered and many others reportedly injured during an attack by suspected herdsmen on two communities in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State, on Wednesday night.

The attack, which was said to have left several others with gunshot and machete wounds, occurred at Tse Ngojov and Tse Valem Yaweh of Mbagum community in Tombo council ward of Logo LGA of the state, at about 9pm, that fateful day.

A community leader from the area, Elder Joseph Anawah, who spoke to newsmen on telephone, yesterday, disclosed that the attackers, suspected to be herdsmen, stormed the two communities unexpectedly, and started shooting sporadically in all directions.

He said the commotion that ensued made many people run helter-skelter for safety, during which many villagers were killed and others either shot or machetted.

Anawah, who also sent gory

pictures of the attack to newsmen, said those who lost their lives in the attack include Ander John, Vihior Mtomga, Morgan Varem, Saaio Uyooosu, Aondoyima Tarbo and Peter Asondo. He added that those who were injured and currently receiving treatment at the Primary Health Care (PHC) facility at Ayilamo in Logo LGA include Igbaule Valem, Chiater Tarbo and Mrs Terngu Tyavkase Usue.

When contacted, Special

Adviser to Governor Samuel Ortom on Security, Col. Paul Hembra (retd), who confirmed the incident, disclosed that the Council Chairman, Salome Tor, had earlier briefed him on the development.

He said the governor had directed that the wounded be moved to the Benue State University Teaching Hospital (BSUTH), while arrangements should be made immediately for the burial of the deceased victims.

Ebubeagu commander

•Says video meant to tarnish group's image

From **Stanley Uzoaru,**
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THE Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) has reacted to a viral video showcasing a man shot dead and dragged into a pit by some hoodlums.

IPOB, in a statement by its spokesperson, Emma Powerful, yesterday, noted that the victim in the video was not a member of Ebubeagu, but a hoodlum deceived into joining a gang of fake Eastern Security Network

(ESN). He equally stated that the video was done in bad faith to tarnish the image of IPOB and ESN.

He said: "IPOB wants to clarify that the viral videos showing the execution of a man with a red T-shirt and pair of Jeans, who was extrajudicially killed in Imo state, was not Ogwu (the mayor of Mozambique) the Ebubeagu Commander in Imo State, who masterminded the killing of 14 innocent youths in Awo-