## Suspected herdsmen kill 3 in Benue

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No fewer than three people were reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen in an attack on Tse Ngban community of Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

The attack, according to locals, occurred on Sunday night, when the invading herdsmen suddenly stormed the village while the people were preparing to retire to bed.

A local, who simply gave his name as Jonah, said a volley of gunshots were heard within the community, a development which made the people run helter-skelter for safety.

"Yesterday evening, Fulani attacked Tse Ngban under Nyiev council Ward of Guma local government area. The attack, which left some people dead and others injured, was absolutely unprovoked.

"From what I'm hearing, many people were killed and several others injured, while the village has now been deserted by the locals for fear of another attack. The people had no known issue with Fulani at all. That's why we are surprised that they could attack us that way," Jonah said. When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Catherine Anene, who confirmed the report, however, said three people were killed in the attack.

"Three person's were killed in an attack at Guma and their bodies have been removed to BSUTH while investigation is ongoing," Anene said.