

Benue killings: Death toll hits 20

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THE death toll from the attack by marauding herdsmen militia on Ukohol community in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State, between Thursday evening and Friday morning last week, has risen to 20, including children and a security personnel.

The dastardly attack left several people in-

jured while hundreds of those displaced were seen fleeing to the neighbouring town of Daudu.

One of the survivors, Saakuma Udenyi, said the attackers first struck on the evening of last Thursday, when people of the community were retiring for the day. He said the attackers shot indiscriminately at several people and inflicted machete cuts on those who tried to flee,

stating that the attackers returned in the morning last Friday, killed a security personnel and burnt down several houses.

The latest attack by armed herdsmen on Ukohol community is coming barely two weeks after similar attacks were launched on Gbeji community in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State. Thirty-six people, including two policemen, were massacred with others missing, fol-

lowing armed herders' attack on Gbeji community in the early hours of Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

The renewed spate of attacks on Benue communities has sparked reactions from individuals and groups who have condemned what they described as coordinated genocide targeted at defenceless innocent citizens.

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