

Herdsman kill 13, burn houses in Benue community

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GUNMEN suspected to be herdsman militia, yesterday, attacked a community in Agatu Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State and killed 13 people.

Daily Sun gathered that the herdsman also burnt

houses and looted properties of the residents as they moved.

A source from the community, who didn't want to be named for fear of victimisation, told newsmen in Makurdi that: "Yesterday, July 9, 2024, Fulani herdsman attacked Olegomachi community of Agatu LGA

and killed 13 people."

The Caretaker Chairman of Agatu Council, Barr Philip Ekenyaku, confirmed the attack. Ekenyaku, who spoke on the phone yesterday, said: "Yes, it's confirmed. There was an attack. It happened yesterday evening. The number they gave me was 10 people killed.

They were armed with sophisticated weapons and they were looting, robbing and burning houses. And they killed people. About seven houses were burnt down; they carried so many properties. Animals, including goats and chickens, were also carted away. It has been reported to the police. The

DSS is aware, too. I'm making arrangements for security men to visit the place," he said.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to get the report from Agatu.