

# Gunmen kill 26 in Benue communities, injure others

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**Gunmen, suspected to be herdsmen militia have, again, attacked two communities of Mtswenem and Akondotyough Bawa in North Bank, Makurdi, the Benue State capital, leaving about 25 persons dead.**

It was also gathered that the herders attacked three communities in Katsina- Ala Local Government Area of the state, killing one person and leaving several others with deep machete cuts

Our correspondent gathered that the attackers struck North Bank around 12 am on Thursday, operated till 2 am.

According to locals who didn't want to be named for fear of attacks, the marauders operated for two hours with sophisticated weapons, including guns and machetes.

They said the assailants broke into people's homes, forcefully breaking doors and windows, and butchered their victims.

They said the attackers came unprovoked, killing many people, including women and children.

“Some residents managed to escape, while others fled for safety, with some still missing as we speak.

“The death toll stands at 25, with some injured victims dying on their way to the hospital.