

# Herders kill two brothers, attack victims' 10-year-old sister

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**R**esidents of Yaav Ward of Turan District, Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State, were shocked to discover that suspected herders killed two brothers, attacked their 10-year-old sister with machete and then threw all of them into a well.

The incident was said to have thrown members of the community into panic.

The residents were still reeling in shock when they heard that another member of the community, Zungwenen Ungwaga Orhungur, had also been murdered.

Orhungur was a younger brother to the state Commissioner for Arts, Culture and Tourism, Comrade Joe Shimaor.

The herders were alleged to have inflicted machete cuts on the hands and neck of the girl, identified as Miss Mwuese Yaku. The girl's elder brothers are Saater Yaku and Vershima Teryima.

Mwuese, a Junior Second-



ary School (JSS2) student of the Orya Korinyo Memorial Secondary School at Jato Aka, residing at Iorngaem Iortyom compound, Mbanev, Imbesev area, was said to have briefly lost consciousness, before she regained consciousness and then crawled out of the well.

A witness, Mr. Apiah Ephraim, said that Mwuese, managed to crawl out of the well all bloodied.

He said: "After Mwuese came out of the well; she headed home and encountered some Tiv locals who rushed her to a hospital at Jato Aka."

As at the time of filing this

report, bodies of Saater, Vershima and Orhungur were yet to be recovered although the incident occurred last Thursday.

It was learnt that at least 60,000 people scattered across the six council wards of Jato Aka, home of second Republic Minister of Steel, Chief Paul Unongo, are now homeless.