

# Nine killed in fresh herdsmen attack on Benue community

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**A**t least nine people have been reported killed many others injured in a fresh attack on Atakpa community in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State by suspected armed Fulani herdsmen. The people were killed after

the insurgents made an incursion into the area on Friday and started shooting sporadically, displacing scores of inhabitants in the process.

*Sunday Telegraph* gathered that scores of the people who were displaced are currently taking refuge in Obagaji, Oshigbodun and Ogbaoru communities of the local government.

A member of the state House

of Assembly representing Agatu and Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Godwin Edo, condemned the gruesome attack which he described as "barbaric and uncalled for".

Hon. Edo lamented that the incessant attacks on his constituents was becoming unbearable.

The lawmaker who called for establishment of a military for-

mation at Otakpa to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants, also appealed to people of the area to remain calm and allow security agents handle the situation.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Catherine Sewuese Anene confirmed the attack.

She said policemen had been deployed to the area to restore peace.