Again, suspected Fulani militants kill 2 soldiers, 13 civilians in Benue

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Peace is yet to return to communities in Benue State as suspected armed Fulani terrorists again launched a fierce attack on Opaha Community in Edikwu Council ward 2 of Apa Local Government Area, killing two military personnel and 13 civilians.

New Telegraph gathered that the insurgents came into the community on Tuesday night at about 7:45 pm and opened fire on the local inhabitants, shooting sporadically till the next day, killing many in the process.

Scores of other people were also reported to have been severely injured.

One Isah Daniel, a member of the community said that many inhabitants have fled their homes as a result of the attack while those injured have been taken to the hospital for treatment in Ugbokpo and Adoka.

Isah said: "As I am talking to you now, we don't know the whereabouts of many people because everyone ran away as the attackers invaded the community in the night.

The State Commissioner for Finance, David Olofu, in whose area the attack occurred, confirmed the killing, describing it as 'unprovoked.'

Olofu told journalists that over 15 people, including a Nigerian Army officer; were killed.

In response to reporters'

question, he said: "Yes, they went to my community and killed people unprovoked; over 15 people were killed, including a commander of Operation Wild Stroke (OPWS). As am talking to you now, the whole community has been sacked."

When contacted, the

Public Relations Officer of OPWS, Flight Lt Flogh Oquoh, confirmed the attack and killing of the officers.

Also, the State Police Command's Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Catherine Sewuese Anene, confirmed the attack, saying that details are still being gathered.

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The body of FAAC is represented by State commissioners for finance, states' Auditors General, Auditor General of the Federation. Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS), the Nigeria Customs Service, Department of Petroleum Service: Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC): Nigerian National Petroleum Limited amongst others. The body is chaired by the Minister of finance. budget and national planning.

New Telegraph's analysis of FAAC's report for the four months (January to April 2023) showed that, of the total amount (N3.17 trillion) shared, federal government's share stood at N375.306 billion, 36 states and FCT re-

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ceived N1.01trillion while 774 local governments councils in the country got N747.135 billion.

December 2023 revenue allocation of N990.189 billion was made available for sharing in January 2023.

The sum of N750.174 billion was approved for sharing to three tires of governments in February while N722.677 billion shared in March and N714.629 billion revenue shared in April.

For January allocation, the Federal Government's share was N375.306 billion, states and FCT received N299.557 billion while local government councils got N221.807 billion.

In February Federal Government received highest allocation in the sum of N277.334 billion, states and FCT got N244.975 billion while local government councils received N180.135 billion.

In March, total allocation was N722.677 out of which Federal Government got highest allocation of N269.063 billion followed by states, N236.464 billion while local government councils received N173.936 billion.

In April, FAAC approved N714.629 billion revenue for sharing. Of the amount, Federal Government received N276.141 billion, states and FCT N232.129 billion while local government councils received N171.257 billion.

Meanwhile, a senior official in the Presidency, who updated this medium on Wednesday in Abuja, said new revenue formula was still on the President's table