

Tension in Benue community as bandits kill two soldiers, civilians ...scores flee homes, many injured

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The worsening insecurity situation in the country on Thursday spilled over to Benue State following the invasion of Agatu Local Government

area by suspected Fulani terrorists, who left at least four people, including two Nigerian soldiers, dead.

The killings followed a renewed attack on Okokolo community in the area.

A reliable source, who identified himself as John Ikwulono, told Saturday Telegraph that the invad-

ers, who made incursion into Agatu from neighbouring Nasarawa State through Loko axis, killed the soldiers in an exchange of gunfire.

According to Ikwulono, the attack was unprovoked, adding that "the attack was unprovoked, our people were at home, they didn't

know that anything like that would happen. All of a sudden, they saw the herdsmen coming in their numbers shooting sporadically.

"Then we began to call on the security and other persons to come and assist us. And then, you may have heard too that in the course of exchange of gun

battle, three soldiers were shot; one died on Thursday and another one died on Friday.

"As I speak to you, the Deputy Governor of the state has also visited Agatu with some security personnel including soldiers with their armoured car and they also crossed to the

side, where the attack took place across the river.

"So for now, nobody is in the community, women and children have deserted their homes and some of them are taking refuge in nearby villages for fear of the unknown."

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