

Gunmen suspected to be local militias, on Tuesday, launched an attack on the Gukur community in Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State and killed six people.

Sources in the local government told our correspondent yesterday that the gunmen rode on motorcycles to attack the community between 9pm

Gunmen kill 6 in fresh Benue attack

and 10pm.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the lawmaker representing the constituency in the state House of Assembly, Jonathan Agbideye, said that six people were killed in the attack.

He said, "Those people in that particular community

were against the hoodlums; luck ran out of them and they got hold of two of them in April and killed them.

"So the incident that happened yesterday (Tuesday night) was just a revenge mission. But the place is calm now. We

went there with the police this morning."

Also confirming the incident, the local government chairman, Shaku Justine, said that the militias attacked the community between 9pm and 10 pm on Tuesday.

Justine said, "It's true that the incident happened yesterday between 9pm and 10pm. Six people were killed in the community."

The chairman said he and the lawmaker representing Katsina-Ala at the state Assembly, Agbideye, visited the

community for an on-the-spot assessment, adding that normalcy is returning to the village.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the state police command, Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive the report.

NSCDC arrests 14 suspected oil thieves in Abia

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), yesterday, said that 14 persons were arrested for allegedly stealing crude oil in Abia.

A statement by the NSCDC Spokesperson, Babawale Afolabi in Abuja stated that the suspects operated an illegal refinery in a forest at Umelehi, Ukwa West Local Government Area of the state.

Afolabi said that after the arrest of the nine male and four

site was dismantled.

He said that the Commander of the Squad, Apollo's Dandaura, attributed the successful arrest to the credible intelligence provided to the corps by well-meaning Nigerians.

"Our operatives were strategically positioned due to the quantity of already siphoned crude oil which was loaded in locally fabricated cooking ovens for refining into Automotive Gas Oil (AGO).

"Some had been refined into

The spokesperson pledged that thorough investigation would be carried out to ascertain the level of involvement of the suspects.

According to Afolabi, some of the recovered exhibits were; generator sets, pumping machines, hoses, galvanised metal pipes, shovels, head flashlights, cellophane bags, bags of cement among others.

He reiterated the commitment of the NSCDC to safeguarding all critical national assets.



Gunmen