

Benue: 2 policemen, 4 others killed in gun battle with herdsmen

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MAKURDI—NO fewer than six persons were feared dead, weekend, in a heavy gun battle between officers of Benue State Police Command and over 200 herdsmen at Yogbo community in Guma Local Government Area of the state.



File: Herdsmen attending to their cows

Vanguard reliably gathered that the suspected herdsmen had attacked and set many houses and farm produce ablaze in the community, before being confronted by the Police drafted to maintain peace and security in the community.

Vanguard gathered that the entire Yogbo community has been deserted by the locals for fear of being killed by the rampaging herdsmen.

Confirming the development, the command's Public Relations Officer, Assistant Superintendent Moses Yamu, in a statement yesterday, said: "The Police officers deployed to Yogbo community came under serious attack by heavily-armed militia group numbering about 200.

"Our Police team braced up to the challenge and engaged them in a gun battle. Three of the militants died in the battle, but their corpses were taken away by their fleeing members, some of who suffered severe gunshot wounds.

“Sadly, however, the Police lost one non-commissioned officer, while another one is yet to be seen. One other person whose identity is yet to be ascertained, but believed to be a resident of the area, also died.