

## Again, suspected herdsmen behead farmer, destroy houses in Benue

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**B**ARELY one week after suspected herdsmen beheaded two young men in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State, another person has been beheaded in his farm at Tse Vambe community in Mbawa council

ward of Guma Local Government Area of the state.

According to a native who did not want his name mentioned, the suspected herdsmen, after beheading the farmer, proceeded to Tse Vambe village and shot sporadically, thereby making residents flee the village.

The source said the sus-

pected herdsmen attacked the community at about 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

He said that the victim was in his farm clearing bush when the herdsmen captured him and later beheaded him before proceeding to the village, where they shot sporadically and set houses on fire.

He said: "As I speak to you,

shooting is still being heard at Tse Vambe, Mbawa council ward of Guma Local Government Area. Three other persons who were in the farm with the deceased are still missing.

"People have deserted the area and have moved to Daudu to take refuge."

The source called on the Federal Government and

the state government to deploy more security personnel to the area which happens to be Governor Samuel Ortom's council.

When contacted, the Force Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke, Major-General Adeyemi Yekini, said he was not aware of the current attack but added that his

troops located in Guma were already patrolling the areas.

Efforts to get the confirmation from the police proved abortive as the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, did not pick calls or respond to text messages sent to her phone.