

Suspected herdsmen kill family of four, three others in Benue

① "It is heartrending and tragic because my people did not incite or provoke the attack. They came into my village, started shooting sporadically and when people were running out of their houses to flee for safety they shot and butchered them like animals", the commissioner said, further stating that four of the people comprised of a father (70), his son and three grandchildren.

② In another development in the area, troops of Operation Whirl Stroke, OPWS, reportedly neutralized five members of the militia and

injured some during an exchange of fire. The militia were said to retreating from the Benue and Nasarawa border.

According to a security source who spoke on condition of anonymity, troops of OPWS, backed by aerial support, chased the attackers as they retreated towards neighboring Nasarawa State.

Benue State Police Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Catherine Anene, who confirmed the attack, said a team of police officers had been deployed to the area to forestall further breakdown of law and order.