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Herdsmen kill 3 in Benue

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MAKURDI—Three persons were reportedly killed in another armed herdsman attack on Tse Ikem community Ukemberagya, in Ukemberagya/Tswarev Council Ward of Logo Local Government Area of Benue state.

It was gathered from a community leader in the area, Joseph Anawa, that the armed herders stormed the community at about 6 pm on Sunday and laid ambush on Tse Ikem road near Anawah settlement between Chembe and Anyiin, for their unsuspecting victims.

He said: "They gunned down Mr Aondona Saai and Avalumun Adaa all of Tse-Igbur. This incident occurred near a military checkpoint at Arufu town."

Confirming the development, Chairman of Logo LGA, Mrs Salome Tor, said the Sunday attack came after a similar incident in the area by the same armed herdsmen, who after killing their victim burnt his motorbike.

According to her, "In the Sunday evening attack, there were two men on a motorbike with a lady and the Fulani militia who were in the bush waylaid them and killed the two men while the woman was lucky to have run into the bush. It was from her account that we knew what happened."

"After killing the victims, they gruesomely butchered them. Before then, on Friday they also shot a boy on a bike in the same area and burnt his motorbike.

"It is a sad development for our people. We are really in a very difficult situation in Logo LGA. Our people are not armed but these people come with AK-47 rifles to kill and destroy our communities.

"Our people cannot go to the farms nor sleep in their houses anymore for fear of being killed by the marauders."

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive details of the incident.