

Herders raid 3 Benue villages, kill 13, injure scores

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MAKURDI — No fewer than 13 persons have been reportedly killed in a fresh armed herdsmen attacks on Tse-Lga, Tse-Magu and Tse-Dudu communities in Guma Local Government

Area of Benue State.

It was gathered that the attackers, who stormed the villages at 1 a.m. yesterday, in what appeared like coordinated attack, also left several of their victims injured.

According to a source in the area, the marauders, who besieged the affected villages from neighbouring Nasarawa State, shot sporadically to force the locals who had already gone to bed, out of their homes.

He said: "The sound of gunshots woke the people from their sleep and those that could not quickly escape were killed.

"Like the attacks before this, it was unprovoked. After killing the people, the herders retreated to neighbouring Nasarawa State, which is where they came from.

"The attacks have created fears in the people, especially women and children, who are already fleeing their villages."

Confirming the development, Security Adviser to the Local Government Council Chairman, Christopher Waku, explained that "eight of the victims were killed in Tse-Lgar, three persons killed in Tse-Magu and two others in Tse-Dudu in Daudu. And the attack was unprovoked."

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