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5 Herders attack Benue church, kill one, abduct pastor, worshippers

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI — Suspected gunmen in the early hours of yesterday, invaded the Christians Pentecostal Church located in Akenawe, Twarev, Ukemberagya/Twarev council ward, Logo Local Government Area of Benue State, where they killed a worshipper and abducted the pastor of the church and other worshippers. The attackers also injured several others,

among them the traditional ruler of the community, Zaki Ingyutu.

It was gathered that the invaders stormed the church during a vigil, when a healing service was being conducted by the Resident Pastor, Rev. Gwadue Kwaghtyo.

A community leader and President, Gaambe-Tiev Youth Association, GYA, Dr. Hemen Terkimbi, who confirmed the attack, said: "One person was killed during the attack, five others sustained injuries while four

worshippers, including the Resident Pastor, Rev. Gwadue Kwaghtyo were captured and taken to an unknown destination.

"Among those that sustained severe injuries was the acting Kindered Head of Akemkpa, Zaki Ingyutu, who was wounded in the head. They are currently receiving treatment at different hospitals in Ugba and Anyi."

Terkimbi, who condemned the attack described it as barbaric and unacceptable.

He said it was unfortunate that innocent and defenseless worshippers could be attacked on a Palm Sunday while worshipping God.

He appealed to security agencies to comb the entire community to ensure the arrest of the masterminds of the attack.

Confirming the development, Chairman of the council, Mrs. Salome Tor, said: "It happened very early in the morning at a church in one of the wards where our people went for vigil. They were praying when they were surrounded by Fulanis. They killed one boy and butchered some others. Some of them are in the hospital already. They also took away some of the victims. The matter has been reported to the Police."

Effort to reach the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene was unsuccessful at press time.

Q Gunmen in police uniform kill traffic controller in Rivers

By Davies
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PORT HARCOURT — Gunmen dressed in police uniform, weekend, killed a traffic controller in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The volunteer traffic controller identified as Chukwuka Monye, was killed at Rumuokoro area while trying to resolve the traffic issue at the business T-junction.

It was gathered that some

policemen who met the heavy traffic on the junction had approached him and argument ensued.

A source, who declined giving his name, said the policemen shot the man in the process.

The source said: "We learned that one Mr. Chukwuka Monye, who turned traffic warden due to the heavy traffic at Rumuokoro Junction was Saturday, about 6p.m., shot dead by Police officers in a patrol van after he (Chukwuka Monye)

had an argument with them.

"We learnt his corpse had been deposited in the mortuary by Police officers led by the DPO of Special Area, Rumudomaya, Rumuokoro Police station, who visited the scene."

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Officer of the state police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, said the act was perpetrated by gunmen.

She said: "Gunmen suspected to be cultists carried out the act. The case has been transferred to SCID for discreet investigation."