

Suspected herders ambush Benue travellers as soldiers rescue 6 Kaduna abductees

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Armed herders have reportedly attacked a Benue Links commercial bus, a truck and commercial motorcycle operators at Tyolaha village, Gwer West Local Government Area of the state, killing 3 persons as soldiers rescue 6 Kaduna abductees.

However the state police command claimed that one life was lost in the incident.

It was gathered from a driver of the company that the 18-seater bus was conveying passengers from Makurdi to Otukpo when they ran into an ambush by the heavily armed herders.

When the heavily armed herders, who have been terrorising that part of the state ambushed the vehicle including two okada riders and a truck driver around Tyolaha village and opened fire on them the truck driver was lucky, he saw them early and jumped into the bush.

Confirming the attack, the Police Public Relations Officer, Superintendent Catherine Anene said the victims "were driving towards Naka around 8pm when some armed men came out of the bush and attacked their bus. Three people were injured, there was intervention so they didn't kill them instantly as they intended to.

"They were taken to the hospital for treatment but one of them died in the hospital; investigation is ongoing."