

Benue: 4 killed in fresh herdsmen attack on Apa community

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MAKURDI—Four persons have been reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen in a fresh attack on Ikobi community in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State.

The attack also left several persons injured while many of the locals are reported to have fled their homes for safety.

It was gathered from a community leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity, that the

armed herdsmen stormed the community, Wednesday evening, and opened fire on the locals.

He said: "They came unto the village shooting sporadically and the villagers started running. Though soldiers intervened and the armed men retreated, they later came back to attack the people.

"This morning four corpses were recovered from the village, though the village is already deserted as we speak."

Confirming the

development, National Chairman of the Apa Development Association, a socio-cultural group of Apa people, Mr Eche Akpoko, said apart from the four corpses that were recovered, others were also injured during the attack.

He informed that the attack was unprovoked, stressing that there was a need for intensive security patrols in the community.

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