

Benue: Herders kill retired Police officer's son, injure another in ambush

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MAKURDI -A middle aged man has been killed while another sustained injury in an ambush by suspected armed herdsman at Ikobi community in Apa Local Government Area of Benue State.

A source in the area, who preferred anonymity disclosed that the two victims were on their way home on a motorbike when they ran into an ambush between Ikobi and Oloba villages at 6p.m., on

Monday.

He said the the deceased returned to the village recently from Lagos to see his aged mother only to fall victim to the marauding armed herders.

He said: "One person, Aminu Akanu was killed between Ikobi and Oloba at 6p.m. We buried him about 11p.m., yesterday.

"He came from Lagos recently to see his mother. His father, a Police officer died some years ago. He went to the Local Government headquarters in Ugbokpo on

Monday to settle some things before coming to Ikobi and that was when he was attacked at Oloba.

"The herders shot him dead, the second victim luckily escaped with bullet wounds and he is receiving treatment.

"And as we speak, the armed herdsman have invaded Apkeke village and they are setting people's houses on fire."

Contacted, Chairman of Apa Development Association, ADA, Mr. Eche Ikobi confirmed the attack, saying "One person died on the spot while the other person escaped with gunshot wounds. He is receiving treatment as we speak."