

3 killed in fresh herders attack on 3 Benue communities



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Makurdi—Three persons have been killed in a fresh attack by suspected armed herdsmen in Ikobi, Ugboi and Inyakwu communities of Apa Local Government Area of Benue State.

It was gathered that the armed men stormed the communities in commando fashion on Sunday evening and opened fire on the locals, who ran for their lives.



The sources stated that the marauders, who stormed the communities from neighbouring Nassarawa State through Agatu Local Government Area, also injured several persons. He said information from the affected communities indicated the attack occurred “at 7p.m. They came unexpectedly because we had no issue with them.” “The three affected villages, Ikobi, Ugboi and Inyakwu were not far from the border. Some of the youths managed to escape because some courageous youths also fought back. “Unfortunately, the herders were armed with sophisticated weapons and they were very ruthless. They helped the people flee to safety.

“So far, one person in each of the three villages was killed and several others sustained injuries.

“After the attack, they all retreated to where they came from and the villages have been deserted.”

Contacted, National Chairman of Apa Development Association, ADA, Mr. Eche Akpoko confirmed the development.

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

