

# 2 killed, many missing, yam barns razed as herders attack Otukpo

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**MAKURDI**—Two persons have been reported killed while several others were declared missing from their farms after suspected armed herdsman attacked Onipi community of Adoka in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The armed herders were reported to have besieged the community, Tuesday afternoon, and attacked the victims in their farms.

According to a source, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

"After killing the victims in the farms, the herdsman also burnt down yam barns and a mini truck conveying tubers of yam from the farms.

"It was an unprovoked attack because the people had no issues with them. Nobody can tell why they are doing this to our innocent farmers, who toil day and night to produce for their families and to sell for sustenance.

"So far, two persons have been confirmed dead while many others are missing but the search for them is ongoing and we hope

that they would be found alive.

"From our finding, the invaders must have come through neighbouring Apa LGA, where they have been attacking several villages in recent time."

The Caretaker Chairman of Otukpo LGA, Alfred Omakwu, who confirmed the attack, said aside the two deaths, several property were also destroyed by the invaders.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, could not be reached at press time.

## 17-year-old