

Again, 26 killed, others injured in separate armed herders’ attacks on Benue communities



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At least 26 persons have been reportedly killed in separate attacks by suspected armed herdsmen on Mtswenem and Akondotyough Bawa communities in the North Bank area of Makurdi town and

Kenvanger and Agbami villages of Katsina-Ala Local Government Area, LGA, of Benue State.

According to a local source, the Makurdi communities which were attacked at about 12am Thursday claimed the lives of 25 victims, including women and children, while several others were left injured.

According to him, the marauders who stormed the communities in their numbers, shooting sporadically, broke into people's homes and killed those who could not escape.

He said, "Most of the victims of the attack were women and children who could not escape because the attack was unprovoked and no one saw it coming.

"That is an attack in a Makurdi community, and the fact that the community has been peaceful made it unexpected.

"Over 25 persons were killed, and several others were injured. As we speak, many residents of the communities have fled their homes, while those still remaining there are living in fear."