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# 5 killed in fresh farmers, herders crisis in Benue

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At least five people have been killed in a renewed clash between farmers and herders at Mbahimin community in Gwer East local government area of Benue State.

The fresh killings took place between Wednesday and early hours of

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yesterday, according to the state Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Moses Yamu, who said the five people killed included one Fulani man and four villagers.

Yamu said the killings were done in reprisal, and that three people had been arrested.

The PPRO however said normalcy had been restored to the area with the deployment of more policemen.

Meanwhile, Governor Samuel Ortom yesterday appealed to the Inspector General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, to post more policemen to Benue state where he said security challenges had become overwhelming.

Ortom made the request through the Assistant Inspector General of Police in-charge of Zone 4, Alkali Baba Usman, who paid a visit to the Government House in Makurdi.

"Security problems have overwhelmed us especially with the influx of herdsmen and their cattle, everywhere there is fear," Ortom said.





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