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# Again, 12 persons killed in Benue

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At least 12 persons were killed in separate incidents which occurred in two local government areas of Benue State.

Daily Trust on Sunday gathered that gunmen on Friday night and yesterday morning invaded Saghev Ward of Guma Local Government Area and killed some persons. So far, 10 corpses have been recovered.

It was also learnt that thugs suspected to be supporters of the ruling party in the state (APC) clashed in Otukpo on Friday evening

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resulting to the death of two persons.

Locals told our correspondent that the death toll could rise from the Guma killings because many people were missing at the time of this report. The Otukpo incident was recorded shortly after an expanded meeting of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Benue-South senatorial district.

The Chief Press Secretary to the Benue State governor, Terver Akase, alleged that suspected herders attacked six communities of Tse-Abi, Tse-Ginde, Tse-Peviv, Tse-Ikyo, Agenke and Gbenke in Guma.

"Ten corpses have so far been recovered with many others injured. The armed herdsmen also burnt numerous houses, shops and other property in the area. This mindless attack was unprovoked, and we urge security agencies to arrest the herdsmen behind the killings for prosecution," Akase said.

But, the state Police Commissioner, Fatai Owoseni and his spokesman, Moses Yamu, did not pick calls put through to them for comment on the attacks.

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