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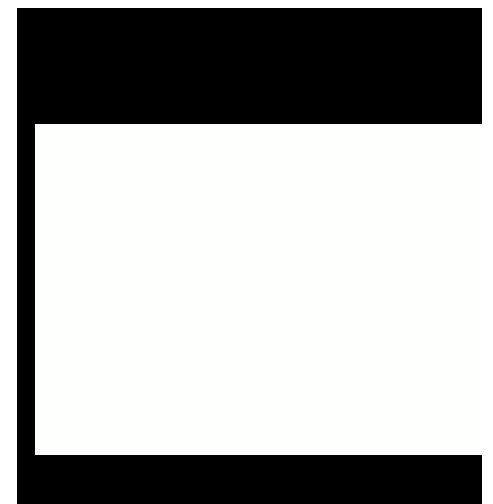
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At least 34 people have been reportedly killed in two council wards of Guma Local Government Area in Benue State.

The latest killings happened barely a day after two Catholic priests and 17 others were killed in a remote village church attack at Gwer East axis of the state.

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Daily Trust gathered that the fresh attack was carried out in Tse Ali Agudu community of Mbawar council ward and Tse Mbadwem in Mbakpaase council ward all in Guma LGA between Tuesday night and early hours of yesterday.

A native of the area, Cletus Keve told our correspondent that gunmen in military fatigue suspected to be armed militia attacked the Tse Ali Agudu village about 4:00am yesterday and killed many people.

Keve said 19 dead bodies were already recovered while those fatally injured were taken to hospitals in Makurdi for medical attention.

Also, a governorship aspirant, Dr. Tivlumun Nyitse, who hails from the area, told newsmen in Makurdi that 15 corpses had been recovered from the bushes in the attack on communities in Mbadwen council wards of Guma.

Nyitse said in some of the villages affected like his, nobody was killed but houses as well as foodstuffs were burnt in the invasion by the armed militia at about 11:30pm on Tuesday.

Our correspondent gathered that the attacked communities included, Tse Umenger in Mbadwem council ward, Mbakpaase in Saghev and Tse Ali Agudu in Mbawar council ward all of Guma LGA with a total of 34 dead bodies recovered so far according to witnesses.

Locals said the deceased victims were part of those who volunteered to return back to their villages from the displaced peoples camp where they have been taking refuge since the New Year's sacking of the area.

But, the State Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, when contacted, said he was yet to get full details of what happened in the area at the time of sending this report.



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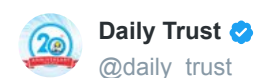
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