

Armed men kill 7 in Benue community

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① Gunmen have reportedly killed seven people in at least two communities of Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State.

Locals said that the attacks happened on Sunday in Tse Gamber community and another

settlement along Naka-Agagbe, both in Gwer West LGA.

② The villagers said while four people were killed in the early Sunday morning attack on Tse Gamber in Sengev Council ward, three persons were later killed in the evening of the same day at Camp Nagi in Mbachohon Council ward, a settlement along Naka-Agagbe Road, bringing it to

a total of seven people.

Terna Ibaah Jacob, an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp manager in Agagbe, said some of the deceased had been displaced from their community and living either in camps or host communities.

Jacob particularly pointed out that one of the deceased, Gamber Awuhe, 45, was killed by armed

invaders on Sunday evening when he went fishing because it was the only option left to survive with his family.

“He knew that it was dangerous to go to the community where he was displaced from but it was the only option for survival as his crops had been eaten by cows and the rest consumed by flood. He has three wives and many

children,” the camp manager added.

However, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Benue Command, SP. Catherine Anene confirmed three people dead.

“That is my village (Tse Gamber). Three of my cousins were killed. That is the total number,” Anene said.