

Hippos Kill 1, Attack Communities In Adamawa



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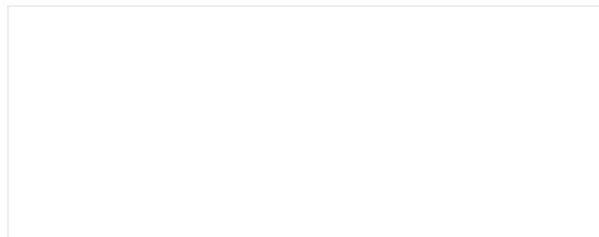
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A displaced hippopotamus has killed one person and sparked fear among residents in Guyuk and Shelleng local government areas of Adamawa State, following its invasion of communities, farmlands, and riverbanks.

Chairman of Guyuk LGA, Mr. Shalom Kassa, confirmed the incident on Monday in Banjiram community, saying a young man was killed during the attack.

He said the animals, displaced by flooding around the Kiri Dam in Shelleng, have been roaming populated areas, posing a serious threat to lives and livelihoods.



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“These hippos are destroying crops, entering flooded homes, and endangering both people and livestock,” Kassa said.

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He and Shelleng LGA Chairman, Alhaji Abubakar Abba, along with traditional leaders, including the Kwandi Nunguraya of Guyuk, Kuruhaye, appealed to the state government for urgent intervention.

Kassa explained that recurring floods have driven the animals out of their natural habitat. However, residents are unable to act, as wildlife protection laws prohibit the killing or harming of hippopotamuses.

“We are calling on the Ministry of Environment, wildlife authorities, and relevant agencies to step in immediately,” he said. (NAN)