

# Gunmen kill 3 in Benue community

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Gunmen have killed at least three people in separate incidents in the Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

Residents told our correspondent that in the first incident, Kenneth Atsuega of Mbabai community was killed on Tuesday when he and four others attempted to assess the security situation in their area shortly after a routine surveillance by security operatives.

Believing the area was safe, they ventured into the backyard and were ambushed. Kenneth was killed, while the others escaped.

On Wednesday, two brothers, Zaki Shaapera Mbatsuav and Terseer Mbatsuav, from Mbadwem Council Ward in the same Guma LGA, were ambushed and killed while farming at Gyungu-Amua along the Uikpam-Umenger road.

The Commissioner of Police in Benue State, Ifeanyi Enemari, said that while clearance operations had dismantled major bandit camps in Guma, isolated killings continue to occur, which he described as "acts of culpable homicide."

Enemari added that arrests had been made and investigations were ongoing. He also confirmed recent killings and cattle rustling in Agatu, warning residents against jungle justice.