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## 8 Killed In Attacks On Benue, Plateau Communities



The killed vigilante leader in Plateau

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At least eight people have been killed in different attacks on communities in Benue and Plateau states.

In Benue State, at least four people have been killed and two others declared missing following renewed attacks by armed invaders on multiple communities in the Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The fresh attack, which spread across Tse Mku, Azaye, and Tse Jigam villages in Tombu Council Ward, has left residents in fear and farmlands abandoned despite the presence of security operatives in the area.

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Locals told our correspondent that the attackers struck in succession between Sunday, August 24, and Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

They said that one victim, Saaondo Mundu Azaye, was killed on Sunday in Tse Azaye. On Monday, two others, identified as Kaananfam Nyamikume of Tse Jigam and Mson, a medicine seller, were gunned down while working on their farmlands near the Ayilamo settlement.

The locals added that on Tuesday morning, search parties from Ayilamo and surrounding communities recovered two more corpses near Tse Uza village, while two farmers remain unaccounted for.

Survivors also alleged that while combing the bushes, they were chased by the armed herders, forcing them to flee without recovering the missing persons.

The villagers further claimed the attackers are camping in nearby deserted settlements, including Tse Ibor, Tse Ukpukuru, and Anyibe, from where they launch fresh assaults.

"This situation requires urgent government attention. Our people can neither go to their farms nor move freely," a resident lamented.

When contacted, the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Udeme Edet, confirmed two people were killed during the attacks on the rural villages.

Edet added that more security operatives had been deployed to the troubled communities, noting the return of calm.