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Herdsmen Kill 11 In Fresh Attacks On Two Benue Communities

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Eleven persons were feared killed in fresh attacks on two communities in two separate local government areas of Benue State on Wednesday and Thursday by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

Daily Independent also learnt that several persons were still missing, even as an unknown number of women were abducted by the marauders from one of the communities.

In one of the attacks that

took place at Zongo-Akiki community of Mbalagh Council Ward of Makurdi LGA on Thursday, *Daily Independent* gathered that five persons were killed.

It was gathered that corpses recovered from the attack have been deposited at the mortuary of one of the hospitals in the North Bank suburb of Makurdi while another five persons have been reported missing.

The attackers, we further learnt, had invaded the village, which is located behind the NASME Army Barracks in North Bank in the early hours

of Thursday and killed their victims, leaving many others wounded.

Meanwhile, six persons were killed in the second attack that took place in Anyom community of Mbatyula Council Ward of Katsina-Ala LGA of the state on Wednesday.

The incident occurred between 3p.m. and 4p.m. at the community on Wednesday, a border town with Taraba State.

Sources close to the chairman, Katsina-Ala LGA, Alfred Atera, who confirmed the killings at Anyom, explained that

the assailants stormed the farmlands of the victims, let loose their cows on their produce, killed and abducted some of the women whose whereabouts remain unknown.

The source said, "At the moment six people have been confirmed dead, while the whereabouts of some remain unknown."

However, when *Daily Independent* contacted the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Benue command, DSP Sewuese Anene, said she was yet to get a brief on the matter.