

Three Tiv farmers killed in Benue

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HREE Tiv farmers were yesterday allegedly killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen in Tse-Akpam, Logo Local Government Area of Benue State. Governor Gabriel Suswam hails from Logo Local Government.

Narrating the incident, a young man, who identified himself as Tyovenda, said the victims were killed on their way home after a fishing expedition in a popular fish pond within the community.

"As the three Tiv farmers were on their way home, suspected Fulani herdsmen ambushed and shot them at close range, they died on the spot," Tyovenda said.

He said three other victims are receiving treatment at Ayilamo Health Centre in Ayilamo, administrative head quarters of Tombo ward in Logo Local Government. Residents of the area, who are mostly peasant farmers, were seen moving their belongings and children away from the crisis zone.

Police spokesman Daniel Ezeala said he was yet to get the report. Tiv farmers and Fulani nomad have been at war with each other over grazing land.