

Again, suspected herders kill 11 in Benue

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A FURTHER 11 people were killed in a fresh attack by suspected herders on some communities in Maiduguri and Katsina local government areas on Wednesday. The suspected herders attacked Anyon community in Mairuwa council ward in Maiduguri.

Anthony Dyegeh, said youths were still searching for missing persons.

Dyegeh said "The Fulani laid ambush for some villagers who were going to the farm this morning [Thursday], knowing full well that many of the villagers would head for the farm after the downpour. They hid in the bush and allowed farmers to go and they then ran after

them and killed them.

"As I am talking to you now, we have been able to recover five corpses and the youth are searching for others who are still missing.

"The village is behind the NASWE barracks, North Bank in Maiduguri."

In the second attack at Anyon community in Mairuwa council ward in Katsina, six persons were killed on Wednesday after

noon.

Media aide to the chairman of Katsina Ala Local Government Area, Tereza Benga, confirmed this to newsmen.

Benga said the attackers invaded the victims' farms with their cows, adding that the herders killed the farmers they met on the farm and took away some women.

He added that the whereabouts of others remained unknown.

Benga said the invasion occurred between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday in Anyon, which borders Taraba State.

"Six people were confirmed dead, while the whereabouts of some remains unknown," Benga said.

However, spokesperson for the state police command, DSP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to get details about the two incidents.

Police parade ESN/IPOB

Suspected herdsman