

# Nine killed in Benue attacks

## Council chair's younger brother among victims Four persons killed — Police

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**A**BOUT nine persons have been reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen in renewed attacks on some communities in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

According to a source who simply identified himself as Adamgbe, the attacks occurred on Friday, Sunday and Monday, leading to the death of the nine victims.

In the attack which occurred on Sunday, four persons were killed and seven others injured while returning from

church on the outskirts of Gbajimgba, headquarters of the council area.

Adamgbe further said the suspected herdsmen also invaded Ulever community in the council area, where four persons were killed.

Chairman of Guma Local Government Area, Caleb Aba, who confirmed the attacks, said his younger brother was one of those abducted and killed, adding that his remains were yet to be recovered.

Aba said: "Last Friday, my younger brother went to the farm with four others on the outskirts of Gbajimgba town to harvest rice when the at-

tackers ambushed them on the farm.

"The other four ran and were not caught, but he (the brother) being the youngest among them, could not escape; they caught up with him.

"I had been following the situation until this morning (Tuesday) when I learnt he had been killed. We have not recovered the body.

"On Sunday evening, it was Gbajimgba market day and the NKST church had its holy communion, so those who were coming from the church and those leaving the market were attacked.

"Four persons were killed

and several others injured; the injured are currently receiving treatment at the Air Force Base Hospital in Makurdi.

"Also, yesterday morning (Monday morning), they (the attackers) were at Ulever community and four persons were killed."

When contacted, spokesperson for the Benue State police command, Catherine Anene, said four persons were killed in the attacks.

Anene said: "Four persons were killed, while others sustained injuries. The scenes have been visited by the commissioner of police and investigation is in progress."