

# Again, suspected herders kill Benue volunteer guard, six others

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① **S**USPECTED herders on Tuesday launched separate attacks on two communities in Benue State, killing seven persons, including a commander of the state's Community Volunteer Guard.

The herders were said to have attacked Tse Fela in Mbabuande, and Tse Akyegh in Ikaaghev council ward in Gwer West Local

Government Area of the state at about 3:00p.m. on Tuesday.

The latest attacks came barely two days after herders invaded Tse-Lgar, Tse Magu and Tse Dudu communities in Guma Local Government Area, where they killed 13 people last Sunday.

A native of the area who identified himself as Terna said: "Residents of the two communities had noticed movement of strange people around the area

and raised the alarm, which made some people to escape the onslaught of the hoodlums.

"Unfortunately, some people were trapped by the herdsmen and killed."

Also confirming the attacks, the district head of Ikaaghev, Chief Adi Bata, said the alarm raised by members of the community reduced the casualties.

He said: "if not for the alarm raised by members of the community, the number

of casualties would have been very high."

The traditional ruler called on security agencies to have a police post in the area in order to improve the security situation.

Chairman of the local government, Ayande Andrew, confirmed the killings, adding that seven persons were killed.

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, said she was not aware of the attacks.