

Suspected herdsmen kill five in Benue communities

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FIVE persons were reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen in two separate attacks in Mbawa and Nyiev council wards of Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

It was reliably gathered that the herders invaded Udei in Nyiev council ward where they killed four persons at a fish pond last Thursday.

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four persons -- three women and a man -- had gone to a fish pond for fishing at about 4:00p.m when they were attacked by the herdsmen.

It was also learnt that on Sunday, March 26, suspected herdsmen killed one person at Ijirgh community in Mbawa council ward, also in Guma Local Government Area.

The last victim, Tyowooga Iorpuu, was reportedly killed

on Sunday afternoon after the gunmen raided Chongu village, Mbagwa-Mbawa, Daudu in Guma LGA.

The late Tyowooga, aged 45, is survived by a wife, Mrs Mlumun Tyowooga, and five children.

Confirming the incidents, the Chief Security Officer of Guma LGA, Christopher Waku, said: "Four persons were killed last Thursday at a fish pond. They went for fish-

ing, three women and a man, at about 3:00p.m to 4:00p.m. They were killed in Udei under Nyiev council ward.

"Then, on Sunday, they killed one person in Ijirgh community in Mbawa council ward, all suspected to be by herdsmen."

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive such information.