

Herdsmen kill 36 in fresh attack on Benue

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NO fewer than 36 people were murdered by suspected armed herdsmen at Mgbam in Nyiev Council Ward of Guma Local Government Area of Benue State on Friday.

Sunday Tribune gathered that the attackers stormed LGEA primary school where some persons who fled their communities as a result of herdsmen attacks use as their place of refuge.

It was gathered that the attackers invaded the primary school at about 9pm on Friday and launched attack on the people.

Some of those who tried to escape were reportedly hit by bullets with, some of who were pregnant women and children.

It will be recalled that the week had been a dark one for residents of the state due to incessant killings, which started on Monday.

On Monday, residents of Igboi community in Apa LGA witnessed gory sight of three people murdered by the armed herdsmen.

A day after, the herders invaded Umogidi community in Otukpo LGA, killing three people and later returned on Wednesday to kill another 46 people.

A local, who simply identified himself as Jonah told

to our correspondent that many people who tried to escape were shot by the armed bandits.

"It was like a war situation; gunshots rented the air and no one knew how they came to the school premises. Some hid under the lockers, many of us fled without knowing where we were headed", Jonah said.

Confirming the attack, the security officer of Guma LGA, Christopher Waku, who spoke on behalf of the chairman, Mike Aba described the attack as 'genocide'.

Waku said, "There is a primary school at Mgbam

village that some people who fled there homes due to herdsmen attack always stay. The herdsmen attacked them, killed about 34 people and injured 40.

"24 corpses were recovered from the school's classrooms and 10 corpses were picked on the road.

However the Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, who confirmed the attack, stated that 28 corpses had been recovered.

"Mgbam attack is confirmed. 28 corpses recovered and deposited at the hospital morgue. While investigation is ongoing", Anene said in a terse text message.

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