

② Suspected herders kill three security personnel, hunter, two others in Benue

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SUSPECTED armed herds-
men on Tuesday killed six
people among them three
personnel of the State Com-
munity Volunteers Guards
and a hunter.

It was gathered that the
incident that happened be-
tween Ortese and Ngban
villages in Guma local gov-
ernment area of Benue State
also claimed lives of two
people.

A native told *Nigerian Tri-*
bune on phone on Wednes-
day that six people, includ-
ing three members of the
State Volunteer Guards, were
killed by suspected herders.

But the Security Adviser to Governor Samuel Ortom, Lt Colonel Paul Hembra (retd), in a telephone chat on Wednesday said that three members of the State Volunteer Guards and a hunter who were on a

joint patrol with policemen were killed.

According to Hembra, "Three members of Benue State Community Volunteer Guards and a hunter were killed on Tuesday by suspected bandits while on a joint patrol with policemen.

"They were ambushed by armed herdsman between Ortese and Ngban villages.

He gave the identity of the victims to include Sunday Ingbe, Timothy Ibawa from Nyiev Council ward and Asema Aondowase from Mbadwem Council ward — all in Guma Local Government Area.

He further said, "the corpse of one hunter has also been recovered alongside the bodies of the Volunteer Guards members" and added that the armed herders went away with their weapons and handsets belonging to the deceased.