

Gunmen kill Benue Livestock Guard commander

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GUNMEN on Sunday night killed the commander of the Benue State Livestock Guard in Mbatian ward in Ukum Local Government Area, identified as Jarule Likita.

The incident, according to a resident, occurred at Tine-Nune village at about 8:30p.m.

It was gathered that the gunmen invaded the com-

munity and shot the commander several times in the chest.

The source, who did not want his name mentioned, said: "Some gunmen went to the house of the livestock guard commander of Mbatian ward at Tine-Nune settlement, Jarule Likita, at about 8:30p.m. yesterday [Sunday] and shot him in the chest several times.

"Likita will be the fifth livestock guard commander to

be assassinated by gunmen in Ukum Local Government area in recent time."

The state commander of the Livestock Guard, Linus Zaki, confirmed the killing, just as he lamented that his operatives are now the target of gunmen in Ukum council area.

Zaki, who spoke with newsmen on the phone on Monday, said: "I was just informed that some armed men attacked and killed him

[Jarule Likita].

"He was the only one killed. They [gunmen] have been killing our personnel like that. Three of my men died about two months ago. They will just come, shoot them and go away."

Efforts to get the reaction of the spokesperson for the state police command, Catherine Anene, were not successful as calls made to her mobile phone went unanswered.