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ARMED herdsmen have killed seven persons in Yongia Uambie Tiev in Ukem-brergya/Tswarev ward in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The killings occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday, following which the lawmaker representing Apa Constituency in the State House of Assembly, Abu Umoru, decried the incessant attacks and killings in the council area.

Umoru spoke to newsmen

on Thursday, lamenting that he had lost count of casualties in the area since the attacks started a few days ago.

The lawmaker said: "The entire Edikpo community has been displaced, Opaha where I come from, nobody is in that community; Odugbo, nobody is there; Akpete, Ikobi, Akpata, Idiaha, Ochumekwu, Adiga, nobody is in those communities.

"Every day, they will be burning houses in Akpete. As I speak to you, for three consecutive days, they have

been going to Akpete and burning houses after chasing the people out of their ancestral homes.

"They have been laying ambush, killing people on a daily basis. Right now, I don't know the number of casualties. They are so many."

The latest incident in Logo Local Government Area, according to a community leader, Anawah Joseph, occurred between Tuesday and Wednesday.

Joseph explained that the assailants, in their numbers, attacked the community

with sophisticated weapons.

"These attackers, who are armed herdsmen, came in groups of up to 500. The Tuesday attack started around 4pm and lasted till 8pm. Then on Wednesday, they resumed. They didn't come to graze, they came to attack," he said.

The community leader said several persons were killed in the attack.

The chairman of Logo Local Government Council, Reverend Adagbe Jonathan, confirmed that seven persons were killed

in the area in the two day-attack.

Jonathan said: "It happened on Tuesday and Wednesday with seven casualties.

"On Tuesday, two persons were killed and on Wednesday evening, five other persons were killed in Yongia Ukambie Tiev, Ukembrergya/Tswarev ward.

"The attacks were carried out by Fulani herdsmen. Even when I went there on an assessment tour, they were still grazing on the other side of the road, claiming that the area was

Taraba State.

"No one could just approach them. I am even now in Makurdi, I reported to the Special Adviser on Internal Affairs and Security, Special Adviser, Bureau of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs and to the Permanent Secretary on Bureau of Internal services."

Contacted, the spokesperson of the state police command, Catherine Anene, did not pick up her call and neither did she respond to text message sent to her cell phone line.

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