

Gunmen attack Benue villages, kill 17, abduct woman

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Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State

NO fewer than 17 people were reportedly killed in different villages of two local government areas in Benue State.

A woman was also abducted in one of the villages.

The killings occurred within the past three days in Agatu and Kastina-Ala LGAs respectively, local sources told our correspondent on Thursday evening.

Fifteen persons were allegedly killed in Kastina-Ala communities by armed invaders while the other two were murdered in Agatu in circumstances which some blamed on the activities of cultists.

Residents of Katsina-Ala alleged that some communities in the council area were living in apprehension due to constant killings.

A native, who did not want to be mentioned, alleged that some people were being kidnapped with cases of women raped on daily basis.

“Let no one lie; the killing is still ongoing in the rural areas, most especially in Mbatyula, Mbayongo and Yooyo council wards of the Kastina-Ala Local Government Area.

“Not less than seven people in Mbatyula council ward were killed on Tuesday while Emmanuel Apever’s wife from Kenvanger was abducted to an unknown destination.

“In Tse Ate, three persons were killed and another two persons also killed at Saawua compound while three were reportedly killed in Tse Asaa. All in Mbagbeentya community of Mbatyula council ward,” a resident alleged.

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Information Officer of the Kastina-Ala Council, Tertsea Benga, confirmed the development, saying some armed invaders were doing bad things to the villagers despite the success recorded so far by security operatives drafted to the area