

Suspected herders kill three Benue IDPs

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Gunmen

Suspected armed herders have killed three internally displaced persons in Benue State.

The Chairman of Agbabe Camps in Benue State, Terna Jacob, said the IDPs were killed on their farms on Wednesday.

Jacob said their remains were found on their farms after hours of waiting for their return to the camp.

The victims, identified as Ortom Chiater, Targule Sechivir, and Kusa Amos, were said to have taken refuge in the Agagbe IDP camp after they were displaced when suspected herders attacked their villages in 2022, 2020, and 2021, respectively.

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Jacob said, “Ortom Chiater was killed on his farm yesterday (Wednesday) by armed herders; his body was found and buried. He was displaced by the same group on July 5, 2022. He is from Tse-Ugber in the Mbachohon council ward. He was staying with his family at Block 3, Agagbe IDP camp. He was 25 years old.

“Mr Targule Sechivir of Tse-Jabi Sengev Council was killed yesterday (Wednesday) by Fulani militia on his farm. His remains were found and buried. He was displaced by the same group on July 30, 2020. He and his family were taking refuge at IDP camp Agagbe, staying in Block 6. He was 30 years old.

“Mr Kusa Amos was killed yesterday (Wednesday) by the Fulani militias on his farm. He is from Mbachohon council ward, Tse-Utoh; he was displaced by the same herders on July 20, 2021. He and his family were staying at Block 1, Agagbe IDP camp. He was about 50 years old.”

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer for the Benue State Police Command, Catherine Anene, said, “I don’t have this information, please.”

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