

Bandits kill three in fresh attack on Benue community

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File photo of Bandits

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Bandits attacked Uikpam in Mbabai Council Ward, Guma Local Government Area of Benue State, killing three people.

According to Channels TV, the attack occurred on Tuesday, just 24 hours after another attack claimed three lives in nearby Yelewata, within the same LGA.

A community leader and former candidate for the Guma I State Assembly seat in the 2023 general elections, Jimmin Geoffrey, confirmed this to the TV on Wednesday.

Geoffrey reported that the corpse of Iorhemba Ikpanju, an elderly resident, was found in a nearby bush on Wednesday morning, raising the death toll to three following the killings of Akeh Kelvin and Francis Nomsoor the previous night.

He lamented that the sustained herdsmen attacks on Guma communities, which share borders with Nasarawa State, remain a major setback to the fight against insecurity.

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“The discovery of the body of Baba Iorhemba Ikpanju at a nearby bush this morning brings the total casualty figures to three, following the death of Akeh Kelvin and Francis Nomsoor last night when herdsmen attacked the Uikpam community.

“We again call on concerned authorities to make haste by redeploying security operatives to Uikpam in order to at least repose some level of confidence in the already traumatised residents.”

Police authority in Benue State has not reacted at the time of filing this report.

However, the Guma Local Government Chairman, Maurice Orwough, has since mobilised security forces to the area.