

Four killed by suspected herders in Benue

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Suspected armed herders have killed four people and destroyed properties in many areas of Tombu Council Ward, Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

The incident, according to a community leader in the area, Joseph Anawah, happened on Monday.

Anawah said, “Suspected Fulani marauders at about 15:00 hours burnt down many deserted settlements, including Tse Mku in Tombu Council Ward.

“Two people were killed in their farmlands located at the outskirts of Ayilamo settlement yesterday (Monday). They were Mr. Kaananfam Nyamikume, a resident of Tse Jigam village and Mr. Mson of Guma LGA, as well as a medicine seller.

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“While one Mr. Saaondo Mundu Azaye, a resident of Tse Azaye, was also killed.”

The community leader said residents, including the youth of Ayilamo and neighbouring settlements, on Tuesday, went in search of the missing persons and found two dead bodies near Tse Uza settlement, but the other two farmers are still missing.

Anawah alleged that the attackers were camped at Tse Ibor, Tse Ukpukuru, in Anyibe, and other deserted settlements within the Mbawien clan in Tombu Council Ward, Logo LGA.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the Benue State Command, DSP Udeme Edet, asked for time to find out and promised to get back, but she did not respond to calls made to her cellphone as of the time of filing this report.