Gunmen kill 4 persons in Benue communities

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Not fewer than four persons have been reportedly killed by unknown gunmen in two communities of Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

Sources in the area who didn't want to be named, told journalists on telephone that the killings, which were recorded in two separate attacks, took place between Friday evening and Saturday morning.

He narrated that "two women were killed behind Yogbo Primary School, while another one also (killed) within the community yesterday. Sadly, that is the village where the chairman of the local government comes from.

"Today, Saturday, the attackers killed one person at Ukohol. They also burnt many houses in several villages that were attacked in the area."

He also lamented that the villagers had fled the affected areas for fear of further attacks.

The chairman of Guma LGA, Mike Ubah, confirmed the incident saying: "Four people were killed. Three of them at Yogboh, while the remaining one was killed at Ukohor within the said period."

When contacted, the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, said: "I don't have this information yet."