

Suspected herdsmen kill five in Benue communities

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Not fewer than five persons have been reportedly killed by suspected herdsmen in two separate attacks in Mbawa and Nyiev council wards, Guma Local Government Area, (LGA), of Benue state.

Our correspondent gathered that the suspected herders who were reportedly armed had stormed Udei in Nyiev council ward where they killed four persons in a fish pond.

A source from the community told newsmen in Makurdi that the victims, three women and a man were attacked at about 3-4pm, last week Thursday when they went fishing in the pond.

The source also said on Saturday, 25th March, 2023, herdsmen killed one person in ijirgh community in Mbawa council ward also in Guma LGA of the state.

According to a native who didn't want to be named, the last victim, Tyowooga Iorpuu was killed on Sunday 26th March, 2023 afternoon by herders that raided Chongu Village, Mbagwa -Mbawa, Daudu in Guma LGA, of the state

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The source said late Tyowooga, aged 45, is survived by his wife, Mrs Mlumun Tyowooga and five children.

Confirming the incident, the Chief Security Officer of Guma LGA, Christopher Waku, said “Four people killed on Thursday last week in the fish pond. They went for fishing, three women and a man at about 3-4pm. They were killed in Udei under Nyiev council ward.

“Then, on Saturday, they killed one person in Ijirgh community in Mbawa council ward, all suspected to be herdsmen.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the State, SP, Catherine Anene said she was yet to receive such information.