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Again, herdsmen kill 9 Ortom's kinsmen, abduct, kill LG chair's brother

Suspected Fulani militants last Sunday launched a deadly attack on Gbajimba headquarters of Guma Local Government Area which is Governor Samuel Ortom's hometown and killed nine persons found to be kinsmen of the governor.

Those murdered during the attack included a pregnant woman, her son, two other children as well

- Pregnant woman, 3 kids among deceased
- Ortom condemns attack, lament plight of IDPs

as a man who was returning from the NKST Church in Gbajimba where he just taken the Holy Communion.

New Telegraph gathered that the armed insurgents first made incursion into the town in the night at about 9 pm and started shooting sporadically during which they killed four persons in the process, while others were reported to have sustained severe injuries.

A resident of the area, Mr Donald Kwen, said many of the injured persons were receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Gbajimba.

Mr Kwen disclosed that the attackers came through Daudu - Gbajimba road when residents had returned from their daily activities and started shooting sporadically, killing the four persons.

"They also killed another man called Mr Benjamin Misenga. He

was returning from the Holy Communion service at NKST Church in Gbajimba and was sitting in his compound before the attackers entered his compound and killed him.

He said, "The herdsmen while retreating, butchered a man along the Daudu - Gbajimba road when he was returning from the market.

"They launched another attack close to Waku village killing three more, while others are missing," Kwen stated.

New Telegraph also learnt that the Fulani militia also abducted a younger brother of Guma Local Government Chairman, Hon. Caleb Aba in his rice farm at River Mu, close to Tse-Shirsha, Nzorov council ward of the local government.

Hon. Caleb confirmed the attack saying his kidnapped brother was later killed by the abductors.

Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Seswase Anene also confirmed the incident, but said, "four people were killed while others sustained injuries."

DSP Anene said the Commissioner of Police, Tungi Akangbala had deployed his men to the scene and investigation was in progress.

Governor Samuel Ortom who also confirmed the incident also condemned the attack. He lamented the plight of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of armed herdsmen attacks still trapped in eight camps whom he said are suffering under the rain.

He said he will not keep quiet over the suffering of his people, but continue to talk until the Federal Government does the needful as a demonstration of justice, equity and fairness.



Armed herdsmen

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