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## Again, suspected Fulani herdsmen comb Ortom's hometown, kill 4 fishermen, 2 others

① Less than 48 hours after armed Fulani militants invaded Governor Samuel ② Ortom's village killing five people, the terrorists yesterday again combed the governor's hometown leaving at least six persons dead.

Those killed included four fishermen who were murdered in the Ake fish pond at Iye in Uvir council ward of the local government while carrying out normal fishing activities and two other peasant farmers.

The latest killing which took place in the early hours of yesterday came hours after Governor Ortom had called on people of the state to take up lawful weapons as

prescribed by law to defend themselves against armed Fulani invaders.

New Telegraph gathered that as a result of the killing, scores of residents including women and children were displaced while social and economic activities were also disrupted in the area.

A source from the locality told New Telegraph that the invaders, who were in their numbers and made the incursion from neighbouring Nasarawa State, caused

the havoc before leaving unchallenged.

Chairman of Guma Local Government who doubles as ALGON helmsman in the state, Hon. Caleb Abah, confirmed the dastardly act.

Hon. Abah said, "the four people (fishermen) were killed at Ake fish pond. During this time, some people occupied the banks of the fish pond. They go there and make temporary tents where they fish and process it to dry."

He said the other two people were killed in Yelwata, a settlement

that shares a common boundary with Nasarawa State.

"One cannot explain the reasons for this renewed killing because there was no provocation at all. The herders just came, attack the people and run back into Nasarawa State.

This last one happened at the early hours of today (yesterday) between 3 and 4am. The matter has been reported to the police.

"For now, the situation is that of fear of what would happen next."

The local government chair-

man appealed to the Federal Government and the security agencies to intensify surveillance to ensure that the invaders are pushed out of the area. He advised the people to be more security conscious and be on the watch out as well as report suspicious movements to security authorities.

When contacted, the State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Catherine Sewuese Anene, a Superintendent of Police, said she was yet to receive report on the incident.



## 2 Internet fraudsters jailed in Ibadan