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# Suspected herders hack man, wife to death in Benue

## ● Kidnapped FUAM students regain freedom

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**MAKURDI**—A middle-aged man, Igba Fag, and his wife were, Tuesday evening, reportedly hacked to death by suspected herdsmen at Udei branch in Mbabai Council Ward of Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

The attack came barely 24 hours after a similar one on Abagena Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, camp in the outskirts of Makurdi that claimed the lives of seven IDPs and left nine others with

serious injuries.

Confirming the attack, Special Adviser to the Governor on Security, Col. Paul Hembah (retd), said the couple rode their motorbike into an ambush by herders and were gruesomely murdered.

He said: "The couple were riding on their motorcycle when they ran into an ambush by armed herdsmen on their way home at Udei branch in Mbabai Council Ward.

"They were hacked by their attackers and died on the spot. Their remains have been evacuated by their family

members for burial."

Hembah described the attack as one too many.

When contacted, yesterday, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive details of the incident.

## Kidnapped FUAM students regain freedom

Meanwhile, DSP Catherine Anene has confirmed the release of two students of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, FUAM,

abducted last Saturday.

The students were whisked away by the gunmen at night while studying near a large lecture theatre in the school.

Anene, while noting that investigation into the matter was ongoing, said no ransom was paid for the release of the students, who had already reunited with their families

Also confirming their release, yesterday, Director of Information, Protocol and Public Relations of the university, Mrs Rosemary Waku, gave their names as Israel Farren Kwaghege and Solomon Salihu.