

Herders kill 3 Benue community volunteer guards, 3 others

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MAKURDI — Three members of the Benue State Community Volunteer Guards, BSCVGs, and three others have been reportedly killed in a fresh attack on two communities in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

It was gathered that the victims were killed Tuesday night when the marauders stormed Ise Gyer and Ayem communities in Mbawa council ward of Guma LGA.

The Executive Secretary of Benue State

Emergency Management Agency, SEMA, Dr. Emmanuel Shior, who confirmed the killings, yesterday, in Daudu, Guma LGA after the corpses of the victims were deposited at the morgue in the town, listed the names of the victims to include Timothy Mbawa, Sunfay Igber and Aondowase Asema who were members of the BSCVGs as well as Akombo Igyever, Sunday Semaka and Aloysius Ayua.

The Security Adviser to Governor Samuel Ortom, Lt Col. Paul Hernba (retd) confirmed

the incident.

"They were ambushed by armed herdsmen between Ortese and Ngban villages. The armed herders went away with the weapons and handsets belonging to the deceased. And they have been calling to claim that the government in the state promised to give them land in the area to settle and graze," Hernba stated.

Lamenting the development, the District Head of Mbanyiar Community in Guma LGA, Oliver Achado, appealed to the Federal

Government to rise up to its responsibility of securing the lives and property of his people by sending adequate security to Benue State and Guma LGA in particular.

"We have been appealing to the Federal Government through Governor Samuel Ortom, but we have not seen any change. We are again appealing to our President, Muhammadu Buhari, to send security to come down and defend us," he said.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, said she was yet to receive the report of the incident.

Gunmen enforcing sit at home order vehicles