

3 missing Benue fish traders found dead, bodies mutilated

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MAKURDI — Three missing fish traders from Ukemberagya community in Gaambe-Tiev, Logo Local Government Area of Benue State have been found dead with their bodies mutilated.

It was gathered that the traders went missing last Friday while on their way to a nearby market in neighbouring Taraba State

when they could not be contacted or located by family members and friends.

A community leader in the area, who spoke on condition of anonymity disclosed that the murdered traders include two men and a woman.

According to him, "Last Friday, three fish traders from Ukemberagya of Gaambe-Tiev in Logo council of Benue State were

report suspicious activities. ■ not responded to.

declared missing on their way to Zebo Market located in Taraba State.

"And after several search on Sunday evening, their mutilated bodies were recovered on the sand dunes of River Benue, along Zebo Market axis by a combined team of the military, police and the locals.

"The Tiv fish traders murdered include, Iorvor Akuu, Dada Ugee all of

Chembe village and Mrs. Iorngurum Jato of Tse Igbur. They were all buried on Sunday in their home towns.

"Zebo Market is a Jukun settlement in Wukari council of Taraba State. We are suspecting a criminal conspiracy between Jukuns and Fulanis."

The Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene could not be reached for comment.