

Benue: Ex-PDP chair, 3 others killed in fresh herders' attack

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MAKURDI —A former Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP in Benue State, James Akase, and three others have been killed in a fresh attack on communities in Guma and Gwer West Local Government Areas of Benue State.

1 Akase, who was killed Monday afternoon, was at a time the Chairman of PDP in his Tse-Defam, Mba'akov Vengav, Avihijime Council Ward of Gwer West LGA.

According to a source in his area, until his death, he was displaced by the herders and was shot dead by the armed invaders "who took over his community, when he went back to his ancestral home in search of food to sustain his family."

2 Meanwhile, in a separate attack same day, three others were also killed in Guma LGA communities by the marauders, who attacked Tse Ikpe Ago, along Yagbo-Gyungu Aze road in Mbayer/Vandev Council Ward, and Tse Kologa in Mbagune, Nyiev Council Ward.

A Public Affairs Analyst in the state, Samuel Aondohemba, said the attacks were "coordinated and unprovoked."

He explained that the multiple attacks left many other persons in the communities severely injured, "while others are currently receiving treatment in various hospitals across the area."

"These senseless killings are yet another painful reminder of the unending bloodshed our people in Benue state continue to endure."

Gwer West LGA Chairman, Victor Omin confirmed the killing of the PDP Chairman in the area, saying: "The deceased went to the farm to get some food when he met his death."