

Gunmen kill Nigerian sailor escorting gas workers

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It was the second wave of armed attacks on shipping in Nigeria's busiest oil and gas export hub in two months, and follows a call by the world's shipping union to declare Nigeria a "war zone".

"There was an attack this morning on a naval escort to an NLNG staff boat from Bonny to Port Harcourt. We lost one rating," said Navy spokesman Henry Babalola.

The Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) plant located on Bonny Island exports 22 million tons per year of frozen, compressed gas to markets in the industrialised world.