

Militant blow up Chevron 100,000 bpd flow station



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A photograph showing four men in military-style camouflage vests and black balaclavas. They are holding various firearms, including a large machine gun mounted on a tripod. The background is a bright, overexposed outdoor setting.

"We will continue our cat-and-mouse tactics with (the military) until oil exports cease completely," it said.

According to MEND spokesman, Jomo Gbomo, "we borrowed a leaf from the Federal Government of Nigeria, by applying the same measure of treatment the impoverished oil bearing communities suffered in the hands of government troops, by ensuring huge collateral damage."

He vowed on behalf of the militants that "this will henceforth become our standard mode of operation."

Federal forces said they have rescued three Filipinos in Delta State.

JTF spokesman, Abubakar, said a cordon and search operation conducted by the troops at Oporoza community in Gbaramatu Kingdom, Warri South-West local government area of Delta State, led to the rescue of the Filipinos who are presently undergoing medical treatment at an undisclosed JTF hospital.

They are Enrico Arelano, Romeo Naclicar and Napoleon Emphasis.

Abubakar said during the raid and eventual destruction of the militant camp, different types of bunkering-supporting equipment were discovered and destroyed along with the camp. No arrest was made as the militants had deserted the camp before the arrival of JTF team.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Odi invasion when Nigerian soldiers invaded the town following the killing of 12 policemen by unidentified gunmen. Many women and children were killed and the town razed by the soldiers.

However, special adviser to Bayelsa State Governor Timipre Sylva on security matters, Richard Kpodoh, has allayed the fears of the community, saying the military action in Delta State has not been extended to the state.

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