

# 20 pipeline vandals roasted

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**N**O fewer than 20 pipeline vandals died Monday as the pipe where they were scooping fuel caught fire at Kaurami Wapa

in Mayo Balewa local government area of Adamawa State.

So far, the charred remains of only seven bodies have been identified and collected by relatives.

When newsmen arrived the scene of the disaster, Tuesday, some of the survivors were seen in groups lamenting.

Various materials used to scoop the fuel were seen littered

in the area, while others were still burning.

Deputy governor Alhaji Bello Tukur, who was conducted round the scene of the carnage described

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the incident as an "economic sabotage" and warned that henceforth District Heads will be held responsible for any future occurrence of similar

## Foreign oil workers

Bayelsa State Government (SSG), Dr. Boladei Igali after being held captive in the community for six days.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the SSG had led a four-man delegation to Ezetu, early yesterday to effect the release of the hostages. He said only the previous night some government officials and the Bayelsa Volunteer, a security outfit in the state were sent to the area to ensure that the hostages regain their freedom.

incident in the state.

Some of the dead victims were identified as Kawu Bile, Usman Marafa and Tar-azia Obida just as survivors were said to have been rushed to Mayo Belwa General hospital for treatment.

Tukur while expressing his displeasure over the incident, called on the people to shun such vices noting that there is no short cut to wealth.

He advised the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to intensify efforts to protect its pipelines across the country to avoid constant vandalisation and loss of human lives.

According to him a similar incident which occurred in Demsa local government area early this year claimed the lives of the vandals and appealed to the people to desist from the ugly practice.