

Top militant, Igodo, killed by rivals

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It was a bloody weekend in Bayelsa state as assailants trailing injured militant leader, Prince Igodo finally caught up with him at Emete in Southern Ijaw Local Government area and killed him.

Igodo was living in hiding since the attack on his base at Opuama, which has since left him injured in both legs, but his assailants believed to be loyal to dreaded militant based in Rivers state, Mr. Tom Ateke located him and sniffed life out of him Friday afternoon.

A close source told *Sunday Champion* that Igodo met a slow and painful death between 4:30 and 5pm last Friday, as his two hands were cut off, leaving him to bleed to death.

The militant leader, the source continued, was traced to Emete, a coastal community, in Southern Ijaw Local Government area where he was eventually killed.

The Ogunbos- led militant group had engaged the Igodos in a supremacy battle for over a week now.

Last week, the forces attacked

state.

Contacted, Bayelsa State Commander of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF), Lt. Col. Christopher Musa said: "I cannot say that Igodo is dead until we find his corpse."

Assassins

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A member of the Oyo State House of Assembly, representing Ibadan North State Constituency, Hon. Babatunde Jinadu, narrowly escaped assassination in the hands of some invading bandits, who stormed his Ibadan home over the weekend.

However, his aged mother, Mrs. Susana Jinadu, who shared an apartment with him in the Mokola residence was not as lucky as she was thrown down from the storey building by the armed bandits who came calling at about 3 o'clock early Saturday morning.

Madam Jinadu would have suffered multiple injuries from the fall, but for another member of the family who was on the stairs who