

11 DIE IN GUN BATTLE AT BAYELSA PIPELINE



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Three soldiers and eight militants were killed in a gun battle at an oil pipeline hub operated by Royal Dutch Shell in Bayelsa State, the navy said yesterday

Shell said the Tora manifold, which sends oil to the Bonny export terminal, was not damaged in the attack late on Saturday and oil production, the world's eighth largest oil exporter, was unaffected.

"Some militants attacked the Tora manifold where we had some men. There was an exchange of fire and they killed three of our men. The militants lost eight," navy spokesman Henry Babalola said.

Shell is pumping about 400,000 barrels per day below its full capacity because of rebel attacks and kidnappings since 2006 that have contributed to a rise in world oil prices. **Reuters**

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