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The military Joint Task Force (JTF) in Rivers State yesterday engaged suspected militants in a gun battle, killing two militants and arresting 20 others.

Spokesman for the JTF in the state, Lt. Col. Sagir Musa, confirmed the killing and arrest of the warring militants, disclosing that the military offensive was based on intelligence reports which led to the movement of troops to the Abuja Waterside to contain the militants.

He said the military action lasted from 12 noon to 1.30 pm, adding that as the operation progressed, the militants shot at the soldiers, who responded, leading to the killing of the two militants while 20 others arrested.

The spokesman said soldiers recovered four AK 47 rifles and 400 rounds of live ammunitions.

Sources said a close confidant of Mr. Sogboma George, leader of The Outlaws was among those arrested while a drinking spot owned by the same George was demolished by the JTF during the operation, but Lt. Col. Musa could not confirm this development.

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