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The special military Joint Task Force in Rivers State at the weekend killed three militants and recovered arms and ammunition during a gun fight at the Carthorne Channel.

Spokesman for the JTF, Lt. Col. Musa Sagir, who confirmed the incident said three boats used by the militants were also destroyed while one AK 47rifle, two magazines of ammunition were recovered by the special task force. Lt. Col. Sagir, who spoke to journalists in Port-Harcourt, said the shoot-out between the military and the militants occurred when men of the task force on routine patrol on the river encountered the militants in their boats. He described the gun fight as a remarkable achievement by the JTF because of their ability to subdue the militants without recording any casualty. In a related development, the JTF spokesman disclosed that the task force foiled an attempt by some gunmen to kidnap Mr. Obinna Obikwu at Oyigbo, a border town between Rivers and Abia States .

The task force, he added following a tip-off arrested two suspects and recovered three vehicles, three AK 47 riffles, magazines, and RPG ammunitions.

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