

# 6 killed at Aiteo Oilfields fire disaster

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The commander of the Joint Task Force (JTF) deployed to the Niger Delta region, Rear Admiral Akinjidi Akinrinade, says about six masterminds of April 21 fire outbreak at OML 29 oilfields operated by Aiteo Eastern Exploration and Production were burnt to death.

Akinrinade stated this yesterday after inspecting the incident site at Awoba area along the 97 kilometer Nembe-Bonny oil export pipeline.

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The JTF commander said the fire destroyed vegetation which stretched to about hundred meters.

He said the troops on surveillance at a nearby houseboat who arrived at the scene confirmed that all the vandals who breached the pipeline under high pressure died from the explosion and fire that followed.

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He said the JTF was working tirelessly to track down other collaborators as the criminals involved in oil theft always operated in groups.

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