

security operatives deployed to the

Gunmen kill 1, injure NSCDC officials in Bayelsa

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Gunmen suspected to be militants on Friday ambushed the patrol team of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Bayelsa State killing one officer and injuring three others.

The attack took place at the Igbomotoru community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

A source within the community told Daily Trust that the patrol team was returning from an operation on illegal bunkering sites in the area when the attack took place.

The gunmen were said to have opened fire on the NSCDC patrol boat near the Koluama creeks, a known hub for oil theft and militant activities.

The attack some members of

the community said were linked to pipeline vandals because of the high-caliber weapons used in overpowering the officers.

The slain officer was said to have been shot at a close range during the exchange of gunfire and died on the spot, while the injured officers are currently receiving treatments at medical facility in Yenagoa.

Just last week, suspected vandals