They are yet to be released.

Earlier, on April 15, surveillance contract workers in Southern Ijaw were ambushed. One of the workers, Mr Ekerete Odoh, an indigene of Igbomotoru 1 community in Southern Ijaw LGA, was killed, while others sustained injuries.

Also in April, gunmen suspected to be militants ambushed the patrol team of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) at Igbomotoru community, Southern Ijaw LGA, killing a personnel identified as CAI Victor Ofem Ibang and injuring three others.

Penultimate Tuesday, four market women were abducted at Lobia/Foropa waterways. A community source told Daily Trust that the incident happened a few minutes after their boat left the Swali waterfront in Yenagoa, the state capital, where it loaded the passengers.

He said about 12 persons who were in the boat were dispossessed of their valuables and money, while the criminals abducted four women and took them into the bush.