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Naval ratings die in oil platform attack

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The Nigerian Navy, on Saturday, said that two naval ratings were killed in an attack by gunmen on JASCON 33 (Crane barge) belonging to Sea Truck Oil Servicing Company.

Commodore Kabir Aliyu, the Director, Naval Information,who confirmed the deaths said that two others were injured in the attack which took place off the Coast of Bonny, Rivers State.

Aliyu said that four expatriates were still missing, following the attack on the oil platform. He added that three sailors were abducted during the attack.

He said those kidnapped were from Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Thailand.

"We have not made any arrest yet. We are still trying to ascertain the true identities of the attackers and their motive," he said. "We are still searching. We have deployed a boat and a helicopter to the area where the the attack took place."

"We have not established any contact with the attackers or the foreigners abducted."

Aliyu said six naval personnel were stationed on board the Sea Trucks Group vessel following a security request from the company.

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