

Militants seize another flow station in Bayelsa

A GROUP of unknown militants at the weekend sacked the Kloug Creek Flow Station in Ekeremor local council, belonging to Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC), barely a week after the state government had intervened in the seizure of the same facility.

Some local and foreign oil workers, including security personnel were on duty at the facilities, when the attack occurred between midnight and the early hours of yesterday,

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although it could not be confirmed how many people were seized by the militant youths.

Another report said the heavily armed youths seized about four speed boats belonging to the Italian oil giant.

Chief Joshua Benemesia, the state coordinator of the state security outfit, "Bayelsa Volunteers," in an interview with *The Guardian* in Yenagoa, said

that unlike recent attacks which communities sometimes took responsibility for, the militants involved in the weekend attack left no clue.

According to him, the attitude of the youths is becoming unbearable and government may not willing to hold talks with any group.

"If these things continue, government may be compelled to use force against groups, communities or individuals who are involved in this heinous

act."

Meanwhile, two men attacked recently by militants, Felix Akpan and Edidiong Ekop Ekpo, on suspicion that they were police informants have died.

Akpan died shortly after being shot in the street while Edidiong, who was attacked in the house where the duo lived with their friend who was not at home, passed on at the hospital where he was receiving treatment.