Niger Delta Avengers bomb oil facility in military area

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Another Chevron oil well blown up by Niger Delta Avengers (NDA)... yesterday. PHOTO: BLOGWATCH.COM

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Despite the deployment of heavy military hardware like planes and drones to the Niger Delta region to forestall further destruction of critical oil infrastructure, the Niger Delta Avengers (NDA) yesterday said it successfully coordinated the bombing of Chevron's Oil Wells RMP 23

and RMP 24.

It was learnt that the NDA struck yesterday morning at RMP 23 and RMP 24 wells said to be the highest producing among wells operated by Chevron.

According to the militants, the strike "goes to show the world that Nigerian military is only good at harassing innocent citizens."

The militants who announced the bombing via their Twitter account said despite the presence of 100 gunboats, four warships and jet bombers belonging to the Nigeria Army, it blew up Chevron's Oil Well RMP 23 and RMP 24 around 3:44 a.m.

They also disclosed that 50 soldiers sent to the creeks of the Niger Delta to hunt them down died while pursuing militants.

The militants, however, insisted that they were not responsible for the death of the soldiers as they blamed it on the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai.

On their Twitter handle the militants said: "The Chief of Army Staff deployed personnel without amphibious training to the creeks that led to the death of about 50 soldiers. If not for the help of local fishermen the death rate should have been up to 100."

The Nigeria Army is yet to respond to the claim.