

# Militants Take-Over Oil Community In Rivers

Militant youths have taken over the Kula community in Akuku-Toru local government area of Rivers State.

Also, the Royal Dutch oil giant, Shell, has confirmed that the company had withdrawn about 70 of its staff after the weekend killings in the area by militant youths that left more than 14 persons dead, including 12 chiefs of the kingdom.

Crisis reportedly erupted in Kula last weekend over a lingering chieftaincy dispute, leading to the destruction of a section of the community by a youth faction loyal to the current leadership of the Kula Council of Chiefs.

But in a reprisal attack, the rival faction waylaid a 14-man team comprising chiefs at an area known as Shell pipeline few minutes away from the Abonnema Wharf and killed them.

Among those killed, but whose corpses were yet to be found is the spokesperson of the Kula Council of Chiefs, Dan Opusunji.