

8 Militants Killed By Task Force

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Eight gunmen, suspected to be militants, were allegedly killed by men of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) code-named Operation Restore Hope in a clash that occurred between the arm wielding youths and soldiers guiding the Agip Oil flow station in Ogbainbiri, Bayelsa state.

A source close to JTF identified those killed as militants from the camp of one commander Isaac while coming from Gbaran community where they went for fortification in preparation for an attack on Agip Oil flow station.

One of those killed was one of their juju men whose identity was not available to JTF and was escorting the militants on a reconnaissance patrol to the Agip Oil flow station, which they were planning to attack.

The gunmen, it was also learnt, opened fire on the soldiers protecting the oil facility and in an effort to defend themselves returned fire during which eight militants were killed. Items recovered from their boats soon after the clash include 143 rounds of 7.62mm ammunitions.

JTF spokesman Maj. O. A Ochagwuba, who confirmed the clash said no casualty was recording on the side of the soldiers as claimed by some media.

Ochagwuba however appealed to journalists to always cross check their information before going out with their reports, adding that JTF door is always open to cross check facts to avoid disseminating wrong information to the public.

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