

JTF Recovers Expatriate's Corpse In Rivers

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Soldiers from the Joint Task Force (JTF) on the Niger Delta on Saturday recovered the corpse of an unidentified expatriate along Ogbogoro River in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The soldiers were deployed to Ogbogoro community following a cult attack that led to the death of three elders on Thursday.

Our correspondent reported that the soldiers, who were on a patrol duty along the waterfront in Ogbogoro, spotted a corpse floating on the river in the early hours of the day.

When the troops went closer, it was discovered to be the remains of an expatriate.

A source from the community said militants might have killed the expatriate, shortly before soldiers ransacked their hide-out on Friday evening.

"We don't know how the man died, but it seems he must have been killed by the boys when the soldiers invaded the community on Friday," the source said, adding that the man might have been a kidnapped victim hidden in the community while the captors negotiated for a ransom.

When contacted, the JTF spokesperson, Major Sagir Musa, confirmed the recovery of the

expatriate's corpse.

He said soldiers spotted the body while they were patrolling the Ogbogoro waterfront, in search of cultists and militants who killed community leaders in the area.

Musa said an appropriate government authority would soon carry out an autopsy to determine the identity of the corpse. He said, "Our men spotted the corpse of an unidentified expatriate in Ogbogoro River early this morning.

"The body has been recovered and will be handed over to an appropriate authority to commence the process of identification."