

Militants Kill Expatriates, Kidnap Nigerian

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Despite intimidating military presence in Rivers State, armed militants in the Niger Delta region on Thursday struck again and killed some expatriates working with a firm, Saipen.

Eyewitnesses said the militants also took other foreigners and a Nigerian hostage.

Sources disclosed that a Japanese was either among those killed or taken captive by the militants.

Sources said the operation took place in a commando style at the Saipen site along

Iwofe/Ackar Base road, Obio Akpor Local Government area of the state at about 2.00 p.m.

One Eni, on behalf of Saipen, said in a statement that one Columbian has died as a result of his wounds in the hospital, while one Filipino and an-

other Columbian are missing after the attack.

Many other residents were said to have sustained various degrees of injuries from stray bullets.

Sources said the militants came through the land and after the operation, vanished via the river.