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with empowerment.

According to him, the ministry could collapse Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) because the latter is a legal entity that would function by side with the ministry.

Meanwhile, the governor has expressed displeasure about the diversion of the Urban Taxi Scheme by the beneficiaries to private use and directed Delta Transport Company to oversee the scheme so that it could benefit the people

for which it was intended.

"I have resumed work to be more focused on my administration's three-point agenda by laying more emphasis on the attitude of workers to work. I observed that most workers come late to work even after setting example for them by being punctual to work. They put money first before doing their work. My administration is set to change this attitude. This will be extended to contractors too," he said.



Management Commission, Chris Onyemenam (right), with Permanent Secretary, Ibrahim Talba, at a conference in Abuja...on Monday.

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JTF Nabs Suspected Kidnappers, Kills One In Bayelsa

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Soldiers of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) in Bayelsa State in the early hours of Monday invaded Bolorua community in Sagbama Local Government and arrested two suspected kidnappers and killed one who attempted to escape arrest.

Confusion reigned in the sleepy community when JTF were engaged in a gun battle for almost three hours by some suspected kidnappers hibernating in the village.

Residents of the community were woken by gunshots as they ran helter-skelter to evade stray bullets.

Commander of JTF in the state, Lt. Col. Chris Musa, confirmed the arrest of two suspects, saying the other was shot while attempting to escape arrest.

It was gathered that the suspects were among persons allegedly responsible for the abduction of the aged father of the state's Accountant-General, Pa Anderson Zidafamor, who had since been released.

Zidafamor, who was maltreated by his abductors, was kidnapped last year by militant youths, and the JTF had been on their trail.

Following a tip-off, Musa said his men invaded the community and were able to arrest two suspected kidnappers.

He could not confirm whether the shot suspect was dead or alive.

But a reliable source in the community hinted that the JTF personnel stormed the area about 3 a.m. in a war-like manner, thereby throwing the community into confusion.

The source, who is an indigene of the community and who pleaded anonymity, said one Ayakeme Miebakedo, aged 45, was allegedly shot dead.

He said that Miebakedo died on the spot before help could reach him, adding that the killing of Miebakedo, who left behind a wife and children, could be described as mistaken identity.

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