

# Military Confirms Death Of Two Soldiers In Bayelsa

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Two soldiers were killed and one was wounded in an attack by gunmen in Bomadi, Bayelsa State, Joint Task Force (JTF) Spokesman Lt-Colonel Rabe Abubakar confirmed on Monday.

Gunmen also attacked soldiers on the Sapele-Oghara Road in Delta State on the same day, but he said "the attack was successfully repelled without us sustaining any casualty."

No group has claimed responsibility for either incident.

Abubakar explained that the hit in Bomadi may be connected with the arrest of a ship, MT Sandra Lagos, over illegal oil bunkering.

"Since the arrest," he added, "the suspects behind the illegal activity have mounted a

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campaign of calumny against the JTF, culminating in this recent attack. In August last year, some suspected militants attacked the same location.

"Despite all these attacks, the JTF cannot be pushed to wage a full scale war on the militants in the region, as such will affect innocent citizens.

"However, people should not blame us for whatever action we take against the miscreants as our patience is wearing thin."