

Two kidnapped PENGASSAN Members Found Dead

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TWO workers of National Petroleum Development Company (NPDC), Benin City, Edo State, Messrs Danjuma Bashir and Malabu A. Ahmad, who were members of Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association (PENGASSAN)

kidnapped since March 13, have been found dead.

Their bodies were said to have been found in a bush in Monsogar area of Delta state.

PENGASSAN, in a swift reaction, described the kidnap

and subsequent murdering of the workers as not only shocking, but also a renewed act of criminality against the oil workers that would not be tolerated.

Daily Independent reliably gathered that bodies of the two workers were found on Saturday morning by a joint team of police, State Security Service (SSS) and workers put in place by Edo State government.

According the source, one of the workers left for Benin while the second left for Delta State University, Abraka respectively, but never got their destinations.

Although it could not be as-

certained whether they were driven away in their own car or not, but the source lamented that all efforts to trace them proved abortive till they were found dead in the bush over a week later.

PENGASSAN's President, Babatunde Ogun, reacting to the incident, described the death of the two as shocking and highly condemnable and called on security agents to fish out the perpetrators of the crime.

He said: "We condemned this dastardly act and killing of our members and call on security agencies to fish out those

behind this heinous crime.

"We are worried over the increasing insecurity of workers, especially oil workers and other innocent Nigerians. We call on government at all levels to find urgent solution to this insecurity.

"We can no longer tolerate this act of criminality on our members and indeed Nigerian workers."

Meanwhile, unconfirmed report also disclosed that an unidentified contractor with the company was also kidnapped last Wednesday and that his faith hangs in the balance.