

Robbers kill five oil workers

FIVE oil workers were killed by unidentified gunmen in the oil-rich but restive Niger Delta, police and industry sources said yesterday.

The incident occurred on Thursday in the Egbema area of Rivers State when the men, working as contractors to Anglo-Dutch oil giant Royal Dutch Shell, were killed during an ambush on their way to work, an oil company executive who requested anonymity told Agence France-Presse.

He said the motives of the killings were unknown as no group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack.

A senior officer in the Rivers State police command confirmed the incident, but refused to give details.

Also, a source in Shell Petroleum Development Company's (SPDC's) public relations department confirmed the story.