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Gunmen kill oil worker

AN oil worker was killed and another injured yesterday in an armed attack on a supply ship operated by a United States (US) oil services company, an industry source said.

"Armed men came alongside the vessel at 0300 hours (0200 GMT and got on board for things to take. They executed one of the crew when they didn't find anything," the source said, asking not to be named.

The supply ship was operated by Edison Chouest Offshore, a Louisiana-based oil services company, a security source said.

Edison Chouest Offshore officials were not available to comment. The company's Website said it has the largest independently owned fleet of seismic and research vessels in the world.

The ship was working on an oilfield about three miles offshore operated by U.S. energy giant Chevron, but officials from the California-based company were also unavailable to comment. The field is part of the Escravos oil export system, which normally exports about 160,000 barrels of oil per day.