

Military hunts killers of five soldiers

THE military has mounted serious manhunt for the militant group that killed five soldiers and took away nine others last Monday at Cawthorne Channel in Degema local government area of Rivers state even as 25 staff of a contract firm affected by the firm are still missing, yesterday.

This came as top military officers in the Niger Delta met in Warri and brainstormed on the security situation in the region. They resolved to deal with trouble makers.

It was not possible to reach the Army Public Relations Officer in Port Harcourt to throw more

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light on the manhunt, but a soldier at Bori Camp, Port Harcourt told The Nation that "we must catch them."

Asked to explain how they would track down the

militant group, he said that "that is close to our chest" adding that but for now we have not arrested any body in connection with that attack".

The Commanding Officer of the 94 Battalion, Warri Col. M. A. Jalingo, told our correspondent

yesterday shortly after the crucial meeting, that the military in the area were prepared to deal with any "eventualities".

He, however, ruled out reprisal attacks maintaining that soldiers under his command would continue to carry out their duties in

Three FUTA dons shortlisted

THREE professors of the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) Ondo State have been shortlisted as possible successor of Prof. Peter Adeniyi, the outgoing Vice-chancellor.

They are Adebisi Balogun of School of Agriculture, Fisheries Department,

From Babatope Okeowo, Akure

Joseph Fuwape of the same school and Kolade Ipinmoroti of School of Applied Sciences, Chemistry Department.

The tenure of Prof. Adeniyi expires in December after a five-year stint.

~~All the three candidates~~

names would be forwarded to President Olusegun Obasanjo, the visitor of the University, for confirmation.

Professors Balogun, Fuwape and Ipinmoroti were among the nine that were shortlisted for interview by the screening committee that sat last week.

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within the university were