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The Commander Brig. General Lawrence Ngubane, who made these known, also dropped a hint of a major change in the operations of the task force.

He said JTF would no longer wait for criminals to

attack its soldiers before launching its own attack.

Rather, Ngubane, said: "We look forward to seeing those who have threatened to attack the Flow station; we are not going to wait, we will pursue and look for persons who have been confirmed to be militants.

"I advise that people should not try to obstruct the JTF in the course of its work or try our resolved

because we will definitely respond as professionals.

"It is unfortunate that this advice was not heeded by some people who seem to relish taking on the JTF. They have left us with the only of responding in line with our professional training."

Recounting the various incidents at Ogboinbiri Flow Station, located in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa

State, Ngubane said troops deployed to the facility were attacked by armed youths in the area on the June 12.

"In the fire fight that ensued, some lives were lost on the part of the criminals and reasonable quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from them," Ngubane said.

The JTF Commander added that four days later, criminals launched what he termed "probing attack" on the same flow station, using two boats.

He said the attack was repelled by its troops, adding that on June 17, adding that: "They attacked and forcibly took over the Ogboinbiri Flow Station."

Consequently, he said on Thursday, June 21, the task force took action to flushing out the "criminal elements" who had forcibly occupied the flow station, regretting that "the reckless behaviour of these elements has led to needless loss of lives".