

Raymond Dokpesi (third right); Chief Chukwuemeka Ezeife (second right) and Chief Edwin Clark during the service of songs for former Bayelsa State Governor Diepreye Alamiyeseigha, at St. James Anglican Church, Asokoro, Abuja...on Monday

Kidnappers kill soldier in Bayelsa

• Two expatriates abducted

GUNMEN, suspected to be kidnappers, yesterday, killed a soldier and abducted two expatriates on the Ogbia-Nembe Road in Bayelsa State.

It was gathered that the soldier was killed in a gun duel between security operatives attached to the expatriates and the hoodlums.

The operatives were said to have tried to stop the abduction but were overpowered by

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the gunmen.

The incident, which occurred at 8 am, was said to have caused pandemonium on the road.

A source, who spoke in confidence, said the expatriates and the security operatives ran into the kidnappers' ambush.

"The security operatives

were security detail to the expatriates working with Setraco Construction Company. They came under heavy fire from the bushes. It was an ambush but they did not notice," the source said.

Some residents of Nembe Kingdom, who were returning by road to Yenagoa, the state capital, reportedly witnessed the incident.

A driver, who gave his name simply as Monday, said: "It was like a movie scene. The soldiers were shooting and the men were also shooting. We saw blood everywhere when the soldiers removed the blood-soaked colleague and some expatriates."

Police spokesman Asinim Butswat, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), could not be reached for confirmation last night.

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