

Five pipeline vandals die in fire-induced explosion

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Nemesis has caught up with a gang of five oil thieves attempting to vandalise a pipeline in Bayelsa State.

It was gathered at least two of the vandals were roasted to death while three others were burnt beyond recognition.

A source who spoke in confidence said the victims of the explosion were found by indigenes on February 25th in the creeks of Azagbene, Ekeremor Local Government Area of the state.

The suspected oil thieves were said to have attempted to rupture the pipeline using dynamites.

“The indigenes heard the sound of the explosion. It was followed by fire.

“But in the morning, when they went to the scene they found two dead bodies and three others badly burnt,” he said.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Asinim Butswat, said the matter had not been officially reported.

He, however, promised to get back with further details.