

# ① Hoodlums kill two soldiers in Rivers community

**P**ALPABLE fear has enveloped some communities in Odual, Abua/Odual Local Government Area (LGA) of Rivers State following the alleged killing of two soldiers by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers, last Tuesday.

The incident happened at the Ekaago-Ogboloma-Adada road project site, being executed by the state government.

The project was awarded and begun by the immediate past governor of the state, Nyesom Wike.

Sources close to the communities who broke the news to newsmen in Port Harcourt, the state capital yesterday said although the

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hoodlum did not succeed in abducting their targeted expatriate on the site, they however made away with three workers on the project site and a man returning from his farm at the time of the tragic operation.

He would not want his name printed.

Speaking further, he disclosed that the criminals carted away the soldiers' rifles after killing them.

The Nigeria Army is yet to respond to the news, phone calls to the spokesman of 6 Division in Port Harcourt, Lt

Col. Ikedi Iweha were not responded to at the time of filing this report.

Narrating the incident, the source said, "Some hoodlums came to the Ogboloma road construction site on Tuesday with the intention of kidnapping the white man handling the road. They laid ambush and waited for them to resume duty. So on sighting the army they shot the two army personnel and killed them."

"They also kidnapped the foreman, four other workers and one farmer from the Ogboloma community, who were returning from the farm.

"The hoodlums also took away rifles of the killed soldiers and escaped through Esala river after serious shooting."

He noted that some arrests have been made by the Army in respect of the attack but expresses fears on the fate of residents in the communities.

"With this, the army came to make some arrests in Emelego and Ogboloma communities; despite the arrests already made, we're all living in fear. We all have been sleeping in the bush, there is panic everywhere because we don't know the next move the army will make," he said.