

Military denies losing personnel to militants

By SEGUN ADIO

Contrary to statements credited to the commander of the Niger Delta Joint Task Force, yesterday that some Niger Delta militants swooped on a the Joint Task force in Delta State and engaged them in a gun duel seizing two gunboats and some military personnel, a senior military officer has denied the story saying it was sheer falsehood.

Newspaper reports Thursday

claimed that the militants allegedly seized a supply gunboats and some military personnel. The newspaper reports Thursday claimed that the allegedly seized military personnel were escorting a supply convoy of Chevron Nigeria Limited when they were attacked at Chanomi Creeks, Warri South-East local government.

In a telephone interview, Navy Captain Obiorah Medani, Director of Naval Information however refuted the newspaper report, saying that no naval personnel were seized by the militants.

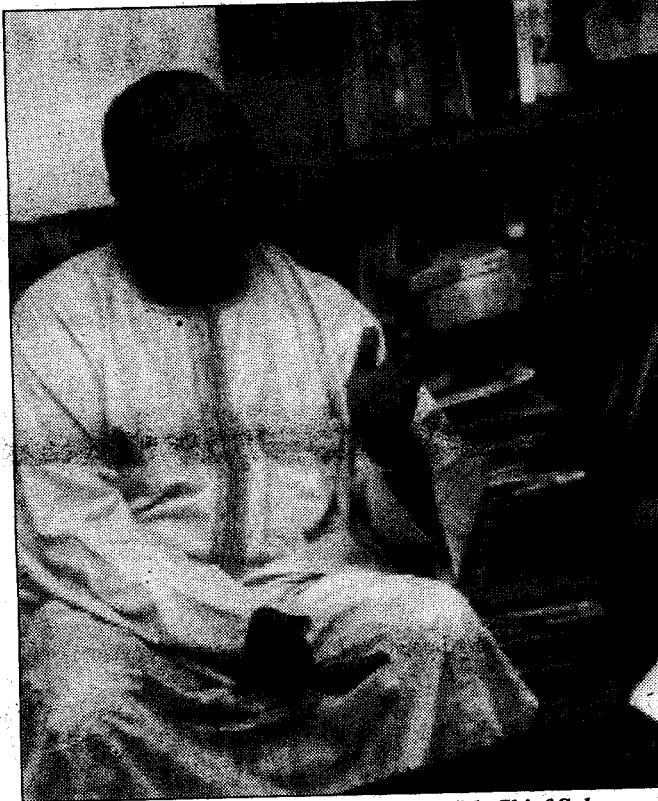
Medani, who confirmed the exchange of fire between militants and a detachment of the said rather than the military beat a retreat, the militants were repelled and took to their heels.

Councillors accuse LG boss of fraud

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The suspended chairman of Lagelu local government area of Oyo state, Mr Amos Oladejo has been accused of not accounting for N63million excess crude oil money and another N26million being project money and loan received by him without any justification. Already, the chairman alongside three others from Ido, Atisbo, and Saki West have been suspended by the Oyo State House of Assembly for their failure to comply with the directive of the House that they should give account of their financial activities so far in the local council.

In a five page petition written to Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala and copied to the Speaker, Oyo State House of Assembly, Commissioner for Local government and Chieftaincy Affairs, and chairman, House Committee on Local Government, the councillors summarised the allegations against the chairman to include corruption, autocracy, lack of transparency, embezzlement, and incompetence.



• Vice President Atiku Abubakar (right) with Chief Solomon Lar after Lar's return from a medical trip abroad.

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