

# Militants kill 2 soldiers,

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TWO soldiers and a driver were shot dead and an expatriate Kidnapped when unknown gunmen at Berger Company at Rumuji area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, struck yesterday.

The expatriate, *New Nigerian* learnt who is a staff of Berger, was kidnapped in the afternoon.

As at press time, the nation-

## driver ...in Port Harcourt

ality of the kidnapped foreigner was yet to be ascertained.

Also yesterday, two sons of a former chairman of Etche Local Government, Mr. Ephrain Nwuzi, were kidnapped on their way to school.

The kids, according to our source, are Wisdom, eight years old and the younger brother

Allwell, six years old.

They were kidnapped about 8 am at the GRA phase 11, Port Harcourt while on their way to school.

Our source revealed that the militants forced the vehicle in which they were travelling to a stop, bundled the two kids into their car and zoomed off.

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Naval men armed with necessary gadgets have intensified patrol around the riverine areas.

In a related development, a staff of one of the oil compa-

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Meanwhile, the Army, Air Force, Navy and police have tightened security around the area and Port Harcourt in gen-

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nies in Port Harcourt was clubbed to death last week by militants who failed to kidnap him.

Our source, who gave the name of the deceased as Harold Manila, said that the gunmen attacked the home of the deceased in the morning when he was about to go to work.

According to our source, the gunmen blocked the deceased when he was about to drive out of his gate, and tried in vain to force him into their vehicle.

"Noticing that the shouting of the wife would attract neigh-

bours and being frustrated, they used sticks and rods to force the man into their vehicle".

*New Nigerian* learnt that the militants had to abandon their victim who had slumped, and zoomed off.

But luck was not on their side as neighbours, who were attracted by the cry of help from the wife, pursued them.

When they saw that they were no longer safe, they abandoned their vehicle and took to their heels.

Luckily, the neighbours were able to capture two of the militants.