

# Militants kill two soldiers, kidnap three oil workers in Bayelsa

Some Niger Delta militants, on Thursday night, took over the Nun River Flow Station of the Shell Petroleum Development Company at Oporoma, headquarters of Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Three soldiers were feared killed, while three oil workers were held hostage.

The identities of the slain

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soldiers and the kidnapped staff of the Anglo/Dutch oil giant could not be ascertained as at press-time.

The incident occurred barely a week after militants invaded the terminal of the Nigerian Agip Oil Company at Twon-Brass, headquarters of Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State, with four expatriates still being held hostage at

an unknown location in the Niger Delta.

One of the Twon-Brass youth who attempted to rescue the three Italians and a Lebanese working for Agip, was gunned down. Others sustained varying degrees of injuries, while

cars, speed boats and houses were set ablaze by the militants.

The Oporoma invasion, according to a native, took place around 11 pm, as a result of dispute over unpaid money, totalling N120 million by SPDC to the lo-

cal community.

The armed militants, who stormed the flow station in five speed boats, attempted to take it over but the men of the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta prevented them from doing so.

The fresh attack was also

