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12 militants, naval rating killed in Rivers clash

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Twelve militants and a naval rating were feared dead on Friday in a clash between soldiers attached to the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta and gunmen in Rivers State.

Saturday Punch gathered that around 3.15 p.m, the militants attacked two naval gunboats on their way from Alakiri Shell gas plant near Okrika to the NNS Pathfinder Naval Base. In the ensuing clash, the 12 militants and the naval rating reportedly died. Another naval rating was wounded while two GPMGs and three AK47s were recovered.

When contacted, the spokesman of the naval base, Lt. Olabisi Wey, confirmed the development. He, however, said no member of the naval team was killed.

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