



# Troops kill Soboma George's aides

## ...arrest 122 suspected militants

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**T**WO top commanders of the Outlaws, a militant group led by Soboma George, were on Saturday killed by the Joint Task Force during its continued clamp-down on militants in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Also in a separate operation, at least 122 suspected militants were arrested when troops cordoned and searched some selected Waterfronts in the Old Port Harcourt Township.

A security source said the JTF received an intelligence report which indicated that

George had sneaked into the town from one of the creeks and was meeting with some of his men along Aggrey Road.

According to the source, the leadership of the task force swung into action and moved some of its troops to the area to fish out the militant leader and his supporters before they could disrupt the peace.

Roadblocks were mounted along the major streets leading to the Waterfronts and all vehicles passing through the area were subjected to thorough

search.

It was during the search that the two militants were said to have been apprehended and shot by the troops while resisting arrest.

The source said, "There was report that Soboma had come into the Old Township and was somewhere near Aggrey Road with some of his men. Based on that report, the task force moved in immediately to apprehend them.

"Not very long after, the two commanders came towards one of the roadblocks mounted by soldiers, who

during routine search, found guns on them and opened fire before they could escape.

"Soboma might have escaped through one of the Waterfronts on sensing that the troops were closing in on him, but his two commanders were not as lucky."

The troops, our correspondent further learnt, also raided Ibeto Cement Dockyard, Abuja and Bundu Watersides in a deliberate attempt to rid the areas of suspected militants.

Meanwhile, a five-man United States Government

team has visited Bayelsa State as part of plans to assist youths in the area to acquire vocational skills.

A statement by the US Mission, Nigeria, on Sunday said that the US Ambassador to Nigeria, Ms. Robin Renée Sanders, led the team to Yengoa on Saturday.

Also, a prominent youth leader in the Niger Delta region, Mr. Ayiri Emami, has urged the Federal Government to site the headquarters of the newly created Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs in Delta State.

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to assist Bakassi**