

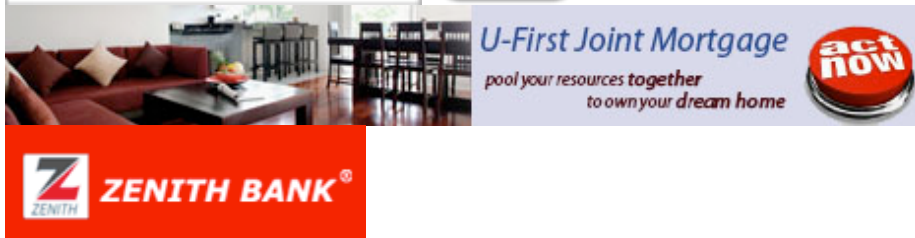
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NO FEWER THAN six suspected pirates were killed in Bayelsa State on Saturday in a gunfight with the Joint Task Force in the Niger Delta.

Our correspondent learnt that the hoodlums were killed in Agge, Ekeremor Local Government Area of the state at about 5pm by Operation Pulo Shield.

It was learnt that the JTF encountered the bandits while patrolling the River Ramos.

On sighting the soldiers, the pirates numbering seven were said to have opened fire on them, forcing the troops to return fire at the hoodlums.

A source said the JTF killed six of the the suspects while one escaped with injuries.

The JTF Media Coordinator, Lt. Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, confirmed the incident in a statement obtained by our correspondent in Yenagoa on Sunday.

The statement said, “At about 5pm on Saturday 23rd of June, troops of the JTF on patrol at Agge in Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State encountered a gang of seven suspected pirates. On citing our troops, the pirates opened fire and the troops retaliated immediately, leading to the killing of six pirates.

“One of them escaped with gunshot wounds and items recovered from the hoodlums include 200 horse-powered speedboat, two guns, seven mobile phones, two hard saws and three hard saw blades. Also recovered are four wraps of substance suspected to be Indian hemp.”

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