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DECEMBER 2, 2013 BY SIMON UTEBOR LEAVE A COMMENT

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The Joint Military Task Force, Operation Pulo Shied, was thrown into mourning on Sunday after it lost three of its soldiers to a boat mishap along Nembe waterways in Bayelsa State.

The soldiers, attached to the Sector 2 Command of JTF, were said to have gone on a "routine change" when the boat they were travelling in capsized. They allegedly drowned close to Obiaku community.

Explaining the routine change, a top security source said the soldiers were on their way to take over duties from their colleagues at a security post in Nembe.

The source, who pleaded anonymity said, "The victims left Odioma in Brass Local Government Area for Nembe. They were just very close to their duty post when the sad incident occurred."

The source, who said the soldiers had no knowledge of the number of the boat, however, declined

However, he said a captain, who was in the boat, was killed.

But while some people said the soldiers were killed by high tide, others blamed the boat.

Nwachukwu, who said the information was from a source who said the soldiers had been declared missing.

The media coordinator added, "Information reaching me confirmed that there was an unfortunate boat mishap as a result of high tidal current along the river.

"Rescue boats were immediately dispatched to salvage the situation. An operative was reported missing and search-and-rescue efforts are going on. Casualty details have yet to be known."

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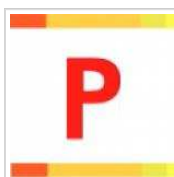
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