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## Gunmen kill Nigerian sailor in Delta boat attack

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LAGOS, March 20 (Reuters) - Gunmen aboard a speedboat in Nigeria attacked a security vessel as it travelled to a major oil industry port in the Niger Delta, killing a Nigerian sailor, security sources said on Thursday.

Around 15 unknown gunmen attacked the vessel late on Wednesday as it travelled along the Bonny river towards Onne, a port used to supply oil industry contractors and ships that service the offshore sector.

"The vessel was on its way to Onne when armed men attacked," one of the security sources, who works in the oil industry, said.

Nigeria, an OPEC member, is the world's eighth-biggest exporter of crude oil and disruptions to supply due to violence in the Delta have been one of the causes of oil's climb to more than \$100 a barrel.

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