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Oil bunkering: Soldiers kill one, set tanker ablaze in Aba

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Soldiers from the Ngwa High School Forward Operation Base (FOB) of the Nigerian Army, Aba, Abia State have destroyed a petroleum tanker, which was seized from oil bunkers. According to the officer in charge of intelligence at the base, Mathias Odeh, who briefed newsmen on behalf of the commanding officer of 144 Battalion, Nigerian Army, Lt. Col. T.T Minimah, soldiers on pipeline patrol intercepted the truck within SPDC pipeline area at Owazza in Ukwa West local government.

Minimah said immediately the bunkers saw the army team led by Capt. I. Amaya, they abandoned the vehicle loaded with over 66, 000 litres of crude oil and took to their heels, but that in an attempt to arrest them, one of the hoodlums was shot dead.

According to him, "the incident happened around 1:30am at Owazza in Ukwa west local government. The bunkers, including the driver of the truck and the conductor with other accomplices on sighting my men, dashed into the nearby bush and in an attempt to arrest them, one of the hoodlums was shot dead.

"What you are seeing today is one of the successes of the military in Aba and indeed, Abia State. We got an intelligence report that some people would come at the wee hours of the night to vandalise pipelines and scoop petroleum products. We step up our surveillance and today, it has really paid off.

"We are not going to rest on our oars. We are committed to not only secure the properties of governments, but also protect lives and property in the state.

"This is not the first time we doing this, it is the 5th or 6th . This should also serve as a warning to those who are head bent in siphoning government. We have intensified our patrol on the pipeline and will continue to make sure that we not only discourage people from pipeline vandalism, but also make sure that their illegal business never thrives", he assured.

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