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A Police officer and two suspected militants have died during a gun duel between the Bayelsa State Police Command security outfit, Operation Doo Akpo and suspected militants.

Findings indicated that the suspected militants attacked the Operation Doo Akpo team at Opiama in Nembe Local Government Area of the state.

According to reports, the police team was drafted to the area to protect construction workers working on the Ogbia- Nembe road.

The suspected militants were said to have stormed the construction site to abduct some workers when the Police resisted the attack and in the shoot-out that ensued, two of the militants were killed while a Police Sergeant identified as Matthew Simon was hit by bullets and he died.

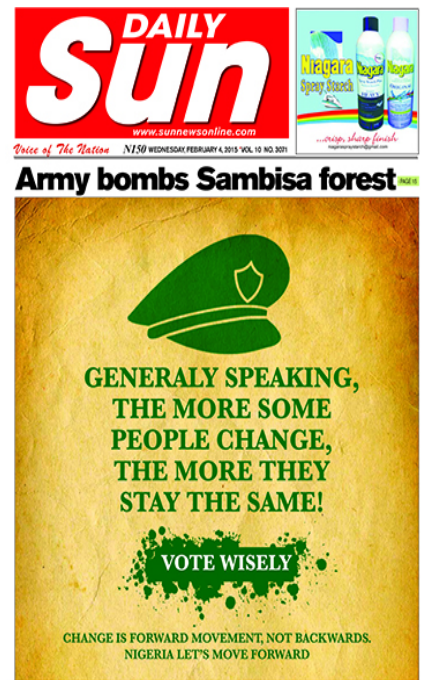
A security source said militants had stormed the site in 2014 to kidnap some expatriates working on the road, but they were not lucky this time as the police team was well equipped to fight them.

"This time around, they were not successful as the policemen engaged them in a gun duel. One of the policemen died while the police said they killed two of the militants. The militants left with the dead bodies of their colleagues."

Meanwhile, four workers of Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) have been kidnapped by gunmen operating along the Southern Ijaw Local Government waterways.

The workers were said to be traveling on a speedboat from Amassoma to Ogoinbiri when their boat was attacked by the gunmen.

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