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•NBA suspends attorney-general

FROM TONY JOHN and CHRIS AGUNWEZE, Port Harcourt

Gunmen yesterday killed five men in Deeyor, an Ogoni community in the volatile Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State. This is even as the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Chief Wogu Boms, has been declared persona non-grata while being suspended by the Port Harcourt branch of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).

The gunmen attacked from Deaken, a neighbouring Ogoni community also in Gokana. Deaken and Deeyor were said to have been involved in lingering community crisis.

Gokana local council Chairman, Chief Donatus Dadom, who said that he was just inaugurated two days ago, confirmed the report. According to him, the victims came from other communities to buy bread usually brought from Eleme every Thursday when they were attacked and five of them killed by the armed men.

The Commissioner of Police, Dan Bature, confirmed the killings, saying that Deeyor and Deaken have been in dispute for a very long time. Although details were still sketchy, Bature assured that he had dispatched mobile policemen to the effected communities to avoid a reprisal.

Meanwhile, the decision to suspend Boms was taken yesterday at about 3pm. It was confirmed during the general meeting presided over by the branch Chairman, Dennis Okwamkpan, held at the Ministry of Justice, Port Harcourt.

Part of the resolutions reached at the meeting were: "That, the Rivers State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Hon. Worgu Boms, is hereby declared *persona non grata*.

"That, Rivers State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Hon. Worgu Boms, is hereby suspended from all the activities of NBA, Port Harcourt branch, for the time being.

Bakassi youths kill 4 militants, rescue 5 boats

From JUDEX OKORO, Calabar

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The silent war between Bakassi youths of Esighi community in Bakassi Local Government Area of Cross River State and Take advantage of our impressive statistics, advertise your brands and products on this site.Enquiries the ex-militants gathered momentum on Monday as the former launched full attack on the latter killing four.

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On June 1, 2015, Sun that the attack, which took place in the early hours of Monday led to the rescue of five boats said to belong to the community while the Bakassi youths lost one of their members in the process.

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The account further said the young men from Esighi community had trailed the militants to one of their hideouts and launched coordinated attacks on their camp and in the process killed four militants while five boats seized from traders were rescued.

Sea pirates had, late April, attacked a 40-passenger boat that loaded at Ikang and travelling to Cameroon.

The passengers, it was learnt, were mostly traders on business trip to Cameroon and had boarded from Ikang waterfront in Nigeria border.

One of the Esighi youth's leaders, (names withheld) in an interview, confided in our correspondent, that they had been trailing these militants until they finally succeeded in killing four of them.

Narrating the operation, he said: "We have been trailing them for months because they have been terrorizing our community and travellers on the sea.

The latest was the seizure of four boats by these militants after robbing the passengers. So, we made up our mind to fight these hooligans once and for all. Thus, we mobilised and took the battle to their camps which yielded results."

Another youth, who was on the team that dislodged the militants, said though they lost one of their colleagues to the militants, they have proved a point that they were not part of the militants as alleged by elders of the community.

One of the security operatives at Ikang beach confided in Daily Sun that the youths did a good job by embarking on reprisal attacks as these sea pirates have had a field day along the waterways.

Commenting on the incident, one of the naval officers at the Ikang Beach said "I just heard it but I advise you to contact our headquarters in Calabar for more clarifications."

JTF deploys troops to Bayelsa community

From FEMI FOLARANMI, Yenagoa

The Joint Task Force (JTF) Operation Pulo Shield has deployed its troops to Egbebi community in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State over the shutdown of six oil wells operated by Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC) by aggrieved youths of the community.

Angry youths had shut down the oil wells at Idu fields, citing alleged neglect of the community by Agip as the reason for their action.

A source at the JTF headquarters, however, said 10 soldiers were deployed to the community yesterday to mediate and resolve the crisis between the oil company and the community.

The Chairman of the Ijaw Youth Council (IYC) in Egbebi community, Mr. John Aniedima, declared yesterday that the oil wells would remain shut down until the outstanding issues raised by the community, which centred on the refusal of Agip to carry out its corporate social responsibility were resolved.

Aniedima, who confirmed the presence of soldiers in the community, explained that the soldiers had been trying to persuade the people of the community to reopen the oil wells.

He stated that the company had invited the people of the community for a meeting in Port Harcourt but they insisted that the meeting should hold in Egbebi.

"The soldiers numbering 10 are in the community to appeal that we open the blocked access roads and reopen the shut oil wells. They are not there to forcefully reopen the roads and wells and they have been persuading us but we explained our position to them and the wells remain shut."

"I am told that Agip had invited representatives of the community to a meeting at their Port Harcourt office but we insisted that the meeting be held in our community," he said.

The paramount ruler of Egbebi, Chief Aniedima Nicholas, who threw his weight behind the action of the community youths said the people disrupted the oil production because of Agip's refusal to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the community.

According to him, the first agreement signed in 2001 lapsed in 2005, but efforts to get the oil firm to renew it failed.

"Our grievances are due to the insensitive posture of Agip to our developmental needs. Our needs and expectations are captured in that agreement and if you look at the few amenities we have here, they are products of the first

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