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Gunmen kill 2 soldiers, cop, civilian

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AGAIN, blood flowed in Rivers State as at least four persons were reportedly shot dead by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers in Abua/Odual Local Government Area of the

state. The victims were two soldiers, a policeman and a civilian driver, who were part of the escort of an expatriate.

Daily Sun gathered that the victims were attacked at Sterling Oil's exploration site in Ogbemakoku/Iyak community in Abua-Odual on Monday evening.

A source in the local government said the suspected kidnappers opened fire on the escort after they noticed the presence of their target, a foreigner working with the oil company.

The source said the driver of the expatriate escaped with his principal, aided by resi-

dents of the community, who stormed the area to chase away the criminals.

The Rivers State spokesman for the police, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident.

He told *Daily Sun* that bandits killed a soldier, policeman and driver.