

Soldiers repel attack on military checkpoint in Bayelsa

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A suspected militant was killed and one soldier injured as soldiers' on Sunday repelled an attack on a military checkpoint, at Ogboinbiri community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Though the soldiers were caught unawares, they were able to fight back, killing one of the gunmen, while one soldier was shot and his rifle which fell into the water was taken away. Investigations revealed that the soldiers were stationed at the military checkpoint in Ogboinbiri community, at a wellhead owned by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), at Seibou oil field, when the gunmen stormed the place in three speed boats.

Eyewitness accounts said the gun duel lasted three hours as the soldiers fought back gallantly, to ensure the gunmen had no access to the facility.

"The soldiers shot one of the boys, but one of the soldiers was wounded and his rifle taken away. The soldier is identified as Job and attached to the 13NA," he said.

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