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## JTF Kills 20 Militants Loses One Soldier In Gun Battle

*Sam Ovu-Eleonu • Wednesday, Apr 15, 2009*

About 20 militants were killed while one soldier also died in a fierce battle between operatives of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) in Bayelsa State.

The incident occurred at Okilo Creek in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of the state on Easter eve.

According to The Tide sources, the militants led by Ogunbos and his gang, moving in six boats, robbed and raped citizens in a nearby community before running into a JTF ambush.

The source added that in the ensuing encounter, four of the militants' boats were sunk, leading to the death of its occupants.

The JTF Command Media Coordinator, Col Abubakar Rabe, who confirmed the story, warned the militants to repent or face the law.

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