

He promised that they would spend the money wisely to meet their pressing needs.

Baunos, thanked the police for rescuing her daughters.

# Gunboats kill fisherman, eight-year-old daughter

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**T**wo military gunboats have reportedly crushed a fisherman and his eight-year-old daughter to death at Otuan community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The man, Doupere Doupre and his daughter, Ebimoboere Dupree, were said to be fishing when the gunboats ran them over.

The incident occurred about 4p.m. last Friday when the gunboats were

escorting two speedboats said to be carrying Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) workers.

Sources in the community said Ebimoboere was on holiday and went with her father on the fishing expedition.

A resident, who gave his name simply as Sunny, told our correspondent that the search for the fisherman's body, while that of his daughter was discovered by community divers on Sunday afternoon.

He said: "The incident occurred on Friday. The two gunboats and two

speedboats were coming from Ogboinbiri to Oporoma axis. The man and his daughter were in the fishing boat along Otuan entrance by the River Nun. The military boats and the speedboats conveying Shell workers were reportedly heading to the oil facilities in Ogboinbiri with food and other logistics supply."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Asimin Butswat, said the report had not been brought to his attention.

He said: "We will investigate and get back to you."