

Gunmen Kill 2 Pipeline Monitors In Ogoni

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Gunmen have killed two pipeline monitors in Bodo Community in Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State, throwing the area into mourning. The deceased youths, Wisdom Pilla and Barion surveillance at a recent oil spill site within the community were attacked by gunmen last Saturday.

Five others, including Charles Saago, Tombari Akere, Lekaga Agbi, Oliver Ny- image and Barinem Pigalo, sustained bullet wounds. Coordinator of MOSOP in Gokana kingdom, Snr. Apostle Celest community has reported the matter to the divisional police in Gokana, but the police was yet to act on the incident.

Viula explained that the youths had been mandated by the community to keep watch over a recent oil spill site pending the completion of investigations into the cause of the spill and repairs on

He said, at about 2 am on Saturday, August 26, the youths were attacked by some gunmen leading to two deaths while others sustained gunshot injuries. President of MOSOP, Fegalo Nsuke in h painful and unfortunate.

Nsuke expressed his condolences to the families of those affected and urged the police to investigate the crime, and called on the people of Bodo to do all that is necessary to ensure that the pe wouldn't have happened if not for the presence of Shell's pipelines in the area.

"The latest shooting resulting in two deaths are very barbaric and we strongly condemn these acts of violence. My heart goes to the families of those who have suffered pains and lost loved ones

"These are all consequences of natural resource extraction. It is unfortunate that while we suffer the consequences of these exploitation, we are told not to talk about the benefits which are distrib political rights to function within Nigeria as Ogoni people are being denied.

"We demand an investigation and we will want to see the outcome of the investigations into these" he said.