

Navy Kills Militant, Arrest 3 Others

The Nigerian Navy yesterday killed one militant and arrested three others when they attacked a naval patrol boat at Andoni River. The Navy's swift response to the attack resulted in the said arrest.

Parading those arrested at NNS Onura yesterday, the Naval Spokesman in the State, Lieutenant Way Olabisi said one of the militants identified as Akwatch Okoh died in the ensuing shootout with their men who proceeded to apprehend the rest who had jumped overboard in a bid to escape arrest. According to Olabisi, "Our NNS Kwayeh ship was patrolling when they sighted four men fully armed in a boat. Surprisingly the men opened fire on us, thus causing us to retaliate. Our men were able to overpower them. One of them died on the spot while the other three were

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arrested. This thing happened in Andoni River, about twenty two nautical miles off the coast"

He gave the names of those taken alive and handed over to

relevant security agencies for investigation and prosecution as Kwarne Anto, Isaac Okoh and Marthy Anas. He pledged that their men would continue to intensify patrol with a view to clear the waterways of miscreants and sea pirates.

Go Back to Work, Minister Urges I

The Minister of State for Information and Communication, Mr Ibrahim Nakande yesterday in Abuja appealed to striking workers in Plateau to return to their duty posts.

Speaking with newsmen in Abuja, Nakande pleaded with the union leaders in the state to pursue the path of negotiation and dialogue with the state government. Workers in the state had been on strike for the past one month following the failure of

government to effect the 15 per cent pay rise approved by the last administration. Nakande, an indigene of the state, said "My position as a Minister and a stakeholder in Plateau State is to appeal to those workers and the leadership of the unions". "They should please pursue the path of negotiation and dialogue so that we could be able to resolve the impasse", he said.

He appealed to the workers to join forces with the government