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JTF Sinks Militants' Boats

From Ahamefula Ogbu in Port Harcourt, 08/08/2008

Two boats laden with militants were yesterday sunk by the Joint Task Force in Rivers State when a convoy escorting supplies to Bonny from Onne was accosted by five militant flying boats. As at the time of going to press, four bodies of the militants have been recovered with four AK47 rifles while others are expected to float by today.

To ensure that the militants do not regroup and disturb the peace of the area, some navy patrol warship have been deployed to patrol the waters of the channel.

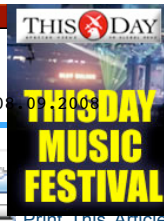
According to Spokesman of the JTF in the State, men were escorting the supplies of some oil service move in convoy under the protection of the JTF.

"Our men were escorting the supplies of some from Onne to Bonny when at the Yellow River encountered by militants in five flying boats. When the convoy, our men replied and in the process they recovered four bodies of the militants and four casualties on the side of JTF troops", he explained. Musa assured that the JTF was on top of the situation and the people in the state went about their normal life.

Asked about the owners of the supplies that were seized since it has become the tradition of the JTF to seize their supplies collectively under their protection, he said:

Earlier in the week, JTF also sunk two militant naval patrol team which they came in sudden attack and had to use superior and long range weapons to defeat them.

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