

Missing Oil Workers Found Dead

Two workers of National Petroleum Development Company, (NPDC), Benin City, Edo State, Danjuma Bashir and Malabu Ahmad, missing since March 13, have been found dead in a bush in Monsogar area of Delta State.

The bodies were found on Saturday morning, by a joint search team of police, State Security Service and workers, put in place by Edo State government. The workers were said to have left Benin for Delta State University, Abraka, but never got there.

However, Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association, (PENGASSAN) has described the deaths as not only shocking, but a renewed act of criminality against oil workers that would not be tolerated.

Reacting to the incident, President of PENGASSAN, Comrade Babatunde Ogun, described the deaths as

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shocking and highly condemnable and called on security agents to fish out perpetrators of the crime to face the music.

He said, "we condemn this dastardly act and killing of our members and call on security agencies to fish out those

Yar'Adua's Loyalists Want N'West PL

As power blocks battle for the control of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) ahead of 2011, the North-West Zone of the party has found itself in crisis following demand by some members that the zonal chairman, Dr. Danladi Sankera, be sacked.

Sankera is viewed by many as a loyalist of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan in a zone dominated by pro-Yar'Adua members.

In a petition to the national chairman of the party, Prince

behind this heinous crime. We are worried over the increasing insecurity of workers, especially oil workers and other innocent Nigerians. We call on government at all levels to find urgent solution to this insecurity. We can no longer tolerate this act of criminality on our members and indeed Nigerian workers."

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Vincent Ogbulafor, the petitioners, under the auspices of aggrieved PDP members, accused Sankera of destroying the party and the zone's unity.

The petition, signed by one Bello Ibrahim and two others, accused Sankera of leadership ineptitude and desertion, saying he has abandoned the party's secretariat in Kaduna and relocated to Kano for his activities.