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Rig Fire: Chevron Confirms 2 Contractors Dead

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Chevron Nigeria Limited

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United States energy giant, Chevron Corporation has stated that its subsidiary, [Chevron Nigeria Limited \(CNL\)](#), has called off the search and rescue activities for two foreign contractors who were missing after Monday's fire aboard the [KS Endeavor](#), drilling rig offshore Nigeria operated by FODE Drilling Nigeria Limited.

KS Endeavor was drilling a natural gas exploration well for Chevron Nigeria Limited in Bayelsa State, when it [caught fire](#).

In a statement issued Thursday, the California-based company, however, did not declare them dead and declined to give more details as it extended its condolences to the families of the missing contractors.

Managing Director of Chevron Nigeria and Mid-Africa Strategic Business Unit, Mr. Andrew Fawthrop, stated that the three days of intensive search and rescue activities for the missing persons were not successful.

"After three days of intensive search and rescue activities for our missing colleagues, I am saddened to report that our efforts have proven unsuccessful and, therefore, we have made the difficult decision to transit to a recovery operation. On behalf of Chevron, we extend our sincere condolences to the families of the missing individuals," he said.

The company, however, noted that it was continuing its plans and preparations to drill a relief well, and its investigation into the cause of the incident.

"Chevron confirms that [152 workers](#) on the shallow water rig and associated barge were safely evacuated from the incident, which occurred about 10 kilometres - 6 miles from shore.

"Two workers who received medical care for burns have been released from the hospital according to the company," stating that as the oil well continues to burn, the drilling rig has partially collapsed, while it cannot estimate how long the fire would continue.

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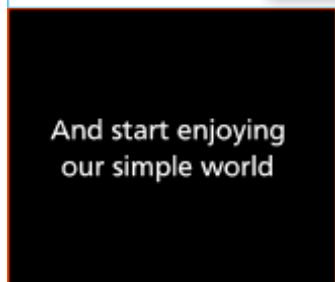
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


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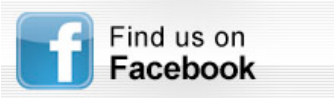
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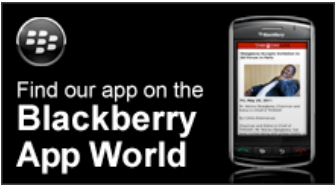
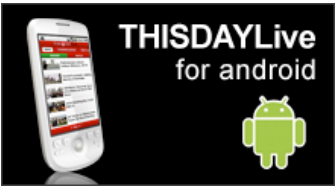


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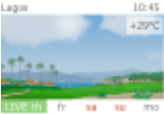


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