

# JTF Kills 2 Robbers, Arrests 4 in Delta

The Joint Military Task Force (JTF) yesterday killed two robbery suspects and arrested four others in Agbor in Ika South local government area of the state.

Similarly, JTF in the Niger Delta said it had destroyed no fewer than 218 illegal refineries in the creeks of the Niger Delta.

The killing is coming barely four days after the police in Delta State killed four armed robbery suspects who allegedly raided two banks and killed seven policemen, including a JTF member in Delta North Senatorial district.

The robbers, suspected to be the master minds behind series of armed robbery attacks in Ika community and its environs were killed by JTF during a gun duel.

JTF Commander, Captain Ubachukwu Agbo, who is in charge of Boji- Boji Command, told THSDAY that acting on a tip off, his men swooped on the eight-man robbery gang in Ozanogogo and Alifekede, a communities few kilometres away from Agbor township, while perfecting plans to carry out a kidnap and armed robbery operation in the metropolis.

Agbo said two of the robbers were killed on the spot, five of the bandits escaped with bullet wounds while two persons were arrested among them a female, who claimed to be a student of

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Ogwasbi-Uku polytechnic in the State, adding that those arrested are helping his command with useful information that could led to the arrest of the escapees.

In a related development, the state Police Command said it rescued a member of staff of Oshimili South local government area of the state, one Mrs. Anwuli Ossai, who was kidnapped last Tuesday by unknown gunmen operating in a black colour Volkswagen Golf car in Asaba, the state capital.

## 14 AIGs Get Compulsory Retirement Letters

The Police Service Commission (PSC) has finally served 14 Assistant Inspectors General (AIGs) with compulsory retirement letter.

This followed the notification of their retirement letters on Wednesday which some of them had collected while others were yet to collect as at the time of filing this report.

Some of the affected retired AIGs are Amakulor Uzor, Zone 8, Lokoja; Ibrahim Paiko Machi, Zone 10, Sokoto; Uzuegbuna Johnson, Zone 11, Oshogbo; Christopher Ademola, Zone 2,

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Charles Muka, while confirming the report, said Ossai has since been rescued, adding that the kidnappers mistook her for their target.

Meanwhile, a statement signed by the spokesman of the JTF, Lt.-Col. Onyema Nwachukwu, in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital yesterday recalled that the JTF had previously arrested 26 international illegal oil bunkerers, adding that it would not relent on the war against illegal oil bunkering within the Niger Delta.

Nwachukwu said it was able to

achieve this by raiding many illegal bunkering locations and destroyed several illegal refineries in the region.

"As part of our aggressive patrol about 218 illegal refineries were put into complete extinction. All the apparatus used to perpetrate this illegality were destroyed, while about 151 surface tanks and oil pumps were also destroyed," he said.

He said the task force was able to do this through its aggressive patrols. The patrols were conducted around Oporoza village; Escravos in Delta; Alakiri Waterside and the adjoining creeks of Sombreiro River at Abonema in Rivers.

able to fit in.

Although there was no record of incompetency on the part of these AIGs, Abubakar still submitted a list of 14 Commissioners of Police (CPs) to the Police Service Commission for promotion and replacement.

The PSC, under the chairmanship of Mr. Parry Osayande, Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) (rtd), on February 21, released the names of 13 CPs, who have been promoted to the rank of AIG, while only two out of about 17 AIGs were promoted to the rank of DIGs, the other six were CPs.

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Lagos; Danlami Yar'Adua, AIG Intelligence; Mohammed Zarewa, Force Secretary, Ibrahim Maina, AIG Border Patrol, Shehu Babalola, Commandant, POLAC, Wudyl, Kano, and John Moronike, Commandant, Police staff College, Jos, amongst others

At the assumption of office, the Acting Inspector General of Police (IG) Mohammed Abubakar, announced a total transformation of the Police Force, where he said some of the old AIGs would not be