

Suspected Sea Pirates Kill Three Agip Workers in Bayelsa

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An armed gang suspected to be sea pirates have killed three workers of an international oil company, Nigerian Agip Oil Company, NAOC, in Bayelsa State.

It wasn't clear if members of the deadly Niger Delta Avengers were responsible for the attack, but the militants had warned that any attempt to repair bombed oil and gas facilities would be bloody.

It was learnt that the victims were carrying out repairs at a work station in the creeks of Nembe

around Obama flowstation operated by Eni Oil, a parent company of Agip, when the incident occurred.

A security source who craved anonymity, said the victims were two engineers and a driver.

He added that the three workers were ambushed and killed along the creeks while carrying out repair work on Agip pipelines that were destroyed some weeks ago by militants in the Niger Delta.

He said, "The sea pirates, who operate in the area, carried out an ambush on the oil workers. The area is a notorious place where gunmen operate freely."

The Commandant, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Bayelsa State Command, Mr. Desmond Agu, confirmed the attack, saying it took place on Friday.

He said already, the search team of security operatives had recovered two dead bodies and their corpses had been taken to Port Harcourt, Rivers State, by an ambulance.