

# Controversy trails fate of abducted SPDC worker

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**W**ARRI — A FRESH controversy was raised, yesterday, concerning the fate of the abducted Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Comrade Nelson Ujeya whose rescue mission resulted in last Sunday's killing of about 13 members of an Ijaw delegation that went to Letugbene in Bayelsa state to free him from his captors.

A very reliable source hinted that a total of 15 corpses were recovered as at Monday from the scene of the bloody battle, said that Ujeya who was released to the 24-man delegation, including an influential community leader in Iduwini kingdom, Chief Sec-

ond Benikrukru was alive after the warfare. "It was the chief that asked him to lie face down on the boat when the soldiers opened fire on the first boat, killing the seven occupants instantly. He was not in the first boat and that was what saved his life. The battle took place in a narrow creek and the occupants of the other two boats escaped into the bush.

"However, the soldiers who ignored the sign of surrender the delegation gave by lifting up their hands continued firing on the people and three others were killed in one of the fleeing boats with three seriously injured.

"I can tell you that Ujeya was not killed in that encounter but I don't know what happened to him subsequently".

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