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## Two shot dead in Ogoni

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**P**ORT HARCOURT—TWO persons were weekend shot dead in Ogoni area of Rivers State.

Condemning the sad development, Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, (MOSOP) gave the names of those killed as Messrs Burabari Kpenu and Nenniibarini.

According to the statement signed by Information Officer of the body, Bariaria Kpalep the killing took place at Kegbare Dere and Dere areas. Adding that several other persons sustained different degree of injuries from gun shots.

“The Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) has condemned in strong terms the reported violent attack on innocent youths at a check point at Baranyonwa Dere in Gokana Local Government Area of Ogoni, Nigeria. The heinous crime, which reportedly occurred in the evening of Thursday, May 1, 2008,

occasioned the murder in cold blood of Messrs. Burabari Kpenu and Nenniibarini Naanee from Kegbara Dere and Baranyonwa Dere respectively. Several others were also confirmed to have sustained serious gun shot injuries and are receiving treatments.”

“Information available to MOSOP indicates that trouble started when four youths who arrived the check point on two motorcycles were stopped for routine check but they refused to be searched. Arguments were said to have ensued as the criminals resisted attempts to search their bags that were already suspicious. One of them suddenly drew out a knife and violently attacked the other youths thus given opportunity to his colleagues to open the bags, took out guns and started firing indiscriminately at the other youths. We were further told that the hoodlums were suspected to be members of Ateke Tom’s cult gang, Niger Delta Vigilante.”