

# **Four killed as militants, JTF clash in Rivers**

**P**ORT HARCOURT — **THREE** unidentified gunmen and one civilian were killed when militants attacked a navy houseboat in Bonny Island, security and industry sources said Wednesday.

They said the gunmen were shot dead by members of the military Joint Task Force (JTF) who repelled the attack on the Orubiri navy houseboat.

"One civilian was also killed during the gun battle between the military and the attackers," an industry source said, but did not give further details.

The soldiers were protecting an Anglo-Dutch oil group facility in Bonny.

Last month two militants and two civilians were killed in two separate attacks in the area. Bonny hosts several multinational oil and gas firms and is also home to Nigeria's multi-billion-dollar liquefied natural gas production.

Oil companies and their personnel are being increasingly targeted by armed groups who have stepped up kidnappings and sabotage in the region in the past two years.