

# One killed, soldier wounded as militants, JTF clash in Rivers

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THE Joint Task Force (JTF) in Rivers State yesterday gunned down a suspected militant in Tae local government area of the state during an exchange of fire between the militants and the security body.

According to the force's spokesman in the state, Lieutenant Col Sagir Musa, the militants numbering about ten reportedly abducted two ladies. And violated them. Acting on a tip off he said the security body gave the kidnappers a hot chase. It was in the ensuing gun battle that followed that one of the militants died. He said a soldier sustained bullet injury but was responding positively to

treatment.

Sagir continued that the one AK47 rifle with twelve rounds of ammunition was among things recovered from the hoodlums.

"Report at the disposal of the Joint Task Force operation flush out 111 indicated that at about 3.30pm today 10 armed bandits kidnapped and raped two ladies in Tai general area of Rivers State. The incident was instantly reported to the JTF troop on static deployment in the area, the troops pursued the bandits who opened fire on sighting JTF troops. The ladies were successfully rescued. One abductor was killed, one AK47 rifle with twelve rounds of ammunition recovered.