

MEND leader feared dead

*....As militants kidnap Deputy
GM of Total*

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PORT HARCOURT—
BOY Chike, an alleged commander of the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND) was reportedly killed yesterday in Bakana. Details of the incident was hazy at press time.

But a source told the *Vanguard* that there was a cult clash in the area in the early hours of yesterday. And it was likely he was consumed in the crisis.

Another source said those behind his death were dressed in army uniform. When contacted to know if the Joint Task Force in the state was behind the killing, spokesman of the security body, Lieutenant Col. Sagir Musa, said he was not aware of such.

He assured he was going to call back after making some contacts.

In a related development, militants Monday night abducted the Deputy General Manager of Total, Mr. Ikechukwu Anozie. Spokesman of the multinational oil giant, Mr. Fred Owahwa, confirmed the sad development.

According to him, management of the firm had extended solidarity to the family of the hostage with a pledge that they would ensure his safe release.

This fresh kidnap brings to five the number of kidnap cases in the state between last week to date.

It would be recalled that a traditional ruler from Ogoni area was kidnapped on Monday.