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Gunmen invade checkpoint, kill soldier, snatch machine gun

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The invasion of the military check point according to an eye witness took place in the early hours of last Friday while the shooting of the two brothers took place same day at Abbi.

It was gathered that the armed gang who swooped on the soldiers opened fire while the soldiers retaliated and at the end of the fierce gun duel, one of the soldiers lost his life and his machine gun was taken away by the gunmen.

One of the gunmen was fatally wounded in the process and arrested as he was unable to flee along with his colleagues.

The entire area has been cordoned off while the soldiers were conducting frantic search for the fleeing gunmen and the possible

recovery of their machine gun. A number of road blocks had been mounted and residents, ostensibly afraid of any form of manhandling chose to remain indoors.

A resident who pleaded an anonymity told our reporter that “that area leading to the gas plant had been witnessing a lot of kidnap cases. In short, Kwale, Beneku and environs in Ndokwa West local government area of Delta are now under siege following the killing of a soldier at a military check point by gunmen”, he stated.

Contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. Famous Ajieh said he was yet to get details of the invasion of the military check point.

However on the shooting of the two brothers, PPRO Ajieh said that “report from Abbi village stated that one Akadibo Sunday, male aged 42 was shot at the back dead while asleep at night while one Chukwunalu Sunday 27, of same address was also shot in the chest wounded by unidentified assailants while trying to ascertain what was happening to the deceased.

He added that “detectives have visited the scene and moved the wounded to the hospital and corpse to morgue while preliminary investigations are on”.

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