

RECORD OF 2006 Expat & Nigerian Abductions (& related incidents)

Date	Date released	Duration in whole days	Incident start	Company	Where taken / Incident site	Scenario	Numbers taken/held	Nationality	Group	Groups statement	Notes
10th Jan	30th Jan	20		Tidex ?	An armed group boarded a boat in the EA oil field	An armed group boarded a boat in the EA oil field and seized the men, said a spokesman for oil giant Royal Dutch Shell.	4	Bulgarian, Briton, American and Honduran	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)		
10th Feb	1st Mar	21		Wibros	seized from a pipe laying barge	A barge was attacked by several speed boats. There was an exchange of fire and nine foreigners were kidnapped.	9	3 Americans, 1 Briton, 2 Egyptians, a Filipino and 2 Thais	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)	demanding that the government release from jail two prominent Ijaws: separatist warlord Mujahid Dokubo Asari and the ousted former governor of Bayelsa State, Diepreye Alamiesegha, who is on trial for corruption.	American released 28th Feb
?	?			?			2	2 Americans 1 Briton		the men would not be released until Nigeria pulled all military forces from the Niger Delta, the oil giant Shell paid 1.5 billion dollars (1.2 million euros) to polluted villages and three ethnic Ijaw leaders were freed from jail.	
10th May	-	-	8:00	Baker Hughes	-	Assassination at Trans Amadi	-	American			He was involved in difficult negotiations with unions
11th May	12th May 06	1	10:30	Saipem & SPDC	Outside Saipem yard	Well armed community youths took 1 SPDC contractor then two Saipem staff.	3	1 Italian, 1 Indian, 1 Brit	Community		Community claimed they were owed money by a contractor. Several times the abductees were told they would be executed
2nd Jun	4th Jun 06	2	10:30	Peak Petroleum Nigeria	From the Bullford Dolphin drilling rig	Rig attack by 20 to 30 men in four speedboats. The attackers fired shots into the air before boarding the rig.	8	6 Brits, 1 Canadian, 1 American			
7th Jun	9th Jun	3	1:30	SPDC contractors Daewoo and Korea Gas Corp	Cawthorne Channel	10 boats with seven people on each vessel staged the attack. 17 Nigerian security forces were killed, a naval gunboat was sunk, and a drilling rig and a naval houseboat were destroyed	5	South Koreans	coalition -- the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, the Martyrs Brigade, and the Niger Delta People's Volunteer Force.	the release of Dokubo Asari, NDPVF militia leader who had been charged with treason last year, and Diepreye Alamiesegha, an ex-governor	
20th Jun	25th Jun	5	11:00	Beaufort International, which is under contract to PGS	?	abducted by six armed men in a speed boat	2	Philippines	Possibly community motivated		

6th Jul	10th Jul	5	11:00	Royal Boskalis Westminster dredging	From dredging vessel at Gbaran Ubie site Yenegoa	Taken by armed men in boats	1	Dutch						
25th Jul	31st Jul	6	?	AGIP & sub contractors	AGIP Ogbainbiri flow station	Attackers came from nearby village. Held 24 workers as hostage.	24	Nigerian	Community		Reported that the group left after being paid off by the Government			
3rd Aug	17th Aug	14	?	Bilfinger and Berger	School Rd., near Amadi Ama roundabout,	Men in fatigues, taken away by boat	1	German	MONDP	MONDP said he was being held to demand the release of two Niger Delta leaders, former Bayelsa State governor Diepreye Alamieyeseigha and regional warlord Mujahid Dokubo-Asari				
4th Aug	14th Aug	10	6:30	M Baker/OTS on contract to NLNG	Liaison Rd. Bonny Island. By Monkey Village creek	Boats run to road side by Monkey village at high tide coinciding with rush hour movement of personnel to & from site	3	Philippines	Possibly community motivated		1 person escaped			
8th Aug	15th Aug	7	?	Trico Supply	seized from a boat offshore	kidnapped late on Tuesday from a Norwegian offshore supply vessel	4	2 Norwegians 2 Ukrainians	Community we think		Ukrainian media says there is a demand for a ransom of 1m\$ for the release of the seamen. This is not what media in Norway say.			
10th Aug	14th Aug	4	6:45	Dredging International	Borokini area near Kidney Island.	Taken from their car at 6:45 by four armed men in army fatigues	2	1 Belgian, 1 Moroccan	Community we think					
13th Aug	23rd Aug	10	22:35	Smith International, Halliburton, Edison Chouest Offshore	Goodfellows bar	Taken from the bar at 22:35 by heavily armed men in camouflage	6	2 Britons, 1 American, 1 German, 1 Irish, 1 Pole	?		Government sources say the Rivers State government paid 20 million naira (\$156,000) for the release of six foreign oil workers earlier this week, while local activists say oil companies usually also pay to get their staff released.			
16th Aug	31st Aug	15	8:30	Homan engineering	Junction of East-West Road / Yenagoa Road, also known as "Banana Junction"	By men in an NDDC bus disguised as army officers	1	Lebanese	The Niger Delta Enlightenment and Expedition Force		Reportedly no ransom paid. Unrelated - 1stSep. SSS issue statement that they will arrest any persons/group that pay a ransom			
24th Aug	29th Aug	5	22:00	Saipem subcontractor	From outside Saipem compound near Aker base	One expat kidnapped from outside Saipem compound near Aker base. One soldier dead, one wounded, two militants wounded, heavy gunfire. Unconfirmed reports say the men were drinking at a bush bar called "Carols" outside the compound. The attackers came in two vehicles, blocked them, shot the army sergeant and took the Italian hostage.	1	1 Italian confirmed, others later discounted	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)		After the event the late Soldier's Army friends came back and began burning down houses. Monday 28th Aug - A self-described spokesman for the self-styled Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), said: "We have today (Monday) directed the immediate and unconditional release of the Italian worker			
8th Sep	-	-	23:00 attempt	?	Goodfellows bar	At around 11.30 pm on Friday Night there was an attempt to abduct an expatriate (name withheld) from outside Goodfella's. An inebriated Expat came out of Goodfella's looking for his car, which was not around, as he phoned for the driver a white van pulled up and 3 people (at least one with gun) tried to bundle him into the van. Fortunately 1 of the bouncers at Goodfellas managed to pull the man back and away from the kidnappers and put him in the back of his car which had just arrived, the driver drove away with the expat. The other bouncers had arrived on the scene by this time and the kidnappers jumped into the van and drove away.					Out late at night. Disturbing as it shows a continuance trend, when there had been no abductions for just over two weeks			

	12th Nov	-	-	0:01		20 miles east of Bonny Fairway buoy	The PSV 'Surf Viking', whilst on reduced speed came under machine gun fire from a canoe, two bullet holes in the superstructure.	-	-	?				
	15th Nov	-	-	Pre Dawn	SPDC	Oporoma flow station, Nun river	Eleven men attacked the station to try to shut down the facility. Naval forces pushed back the men, and two of the assailants were killed in the fighting and one was captured.	-	-	?				"The action of the soldiers to fight back followed the complaint by the State Governor, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan to the presidency about the refusal of soldiers to engage the militants who are said to be from neighbouring states."
	22nd Nov	22nd Nov	Same day	Dawn	SBM / Eni	Mystras - FPSO at the Okoro/Okoro field is owned by SBM. 30 NM offshore Bonny.	10 armed men attacked the ship and took seven people away on a speedboat - nearly all those on the vessel were held at gunpoint for a period before the attackers left with the seven captives	7	1 Italian, 1 Filipino, 2 Finns, 1 Brit, 1 Pole, 1 Romanian	?				By happenstance a patrol of the Nigerian armed forces came across the party carrying the hostages. At gun point Mr. Hunt was made to stand up, as the abductors believed that when the military saw him they would not open fire. This turned out to be a false hope & the armed forces opened fire killing Mr. Hunt in the first fusillade. An Italian was seriously injured, but recovered. Never confirmed was that one soldier & two of the hostage takers were also killed.
	7th Dec			05:00 approx	Italy's Eni SpA	AGIP's Brass Terminal	"The attackers wearing camouflage and came in about seven boats. They burnt some vehicles and killed one local & wounded a Lebanese. The gunmen tried to storm the oil flow station but were repelled by military stationed at the facility who exchanged fire with them. They did not succeed in entering the terminal but instead they by-passed it and went to a residential facility where they kidnapped the expatriates"	4	3 Italians 1 Lebanese	?			MEND have demanded the release of Mujaheed Dakuwa-Azari and former Gov. Depreye Akimieseigha. The militants have also demanded Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDSA LN) pay compensation of about \$1.5 billion to local communities for alleged environmental pollution	Sat 23rd Dec 2006 - "There will be no negotiations until our conditions are met," a spokesman of the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND) said in a statement
	14th Dec			Evening	SPDC	SPDC Field Logistics Base (FLB) attached to the Nun River Flowstation located in Bayelsa State.	Militant youths attacked flowstation in Nun River in Southern law area, because 2 youths had been killed during an earlier attack. Hostages currently being held.	5?	Nigerian		Community, though claiming to be members of Niger Delta Freedom			Reports indicate there may be about 5 persons left on location
	18th Dec	-	-	13:30	SPDC	Shell RA Club Car Park in Port Harcourt	Car bomb explosion at 13:30 hrs today in the Shell RA Club Car Park in Port Harcourt. No one was hurt, about 9 cars were damaged to various degrees	-	-	MEND			Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in an email to the media adding that a third planned bombing was cancelled to avoid high civilian casualties.	Shell, evacuated expatriate staff dependants from the Niger Delta on Thursday. The pullout involves about 400 foreign family members from residential compounds in Port Harcourt, Warri and Bonny Island
	18th Dec	-	-	13:35	AGIP	By a perimeter wall of a compound of Italian oil company AGIP	The explosion did not damage anything inside their compound but blasted only the fence that separates the company from the University.	-	-	MEND			"Again, we warn all those with dealings with oil companies in the Niger Delta to steer clear of all facilities of these companies. We have previously warned all Nigerian workers on AGIP terminal in Brass to vacate that facility. This warning will not be repeated. Attacks against oil industry targets will increase, be carried out without warning and with extreme ruthlessness"	
	21st Dec	-	-		Total	Obagi office compound	"Militants at 3:30 a.m. attacked a facility at Obagi. Three people were killed," a police spokesman said. A company source said the attackers struck a base camp for workers at Obagi and not the oilfield control station itself	-	-					Three police officers killed in the attack
	20th Dec	-	-		AGIP	Tebidaba Flow Station	BBC reported that the oil station in Bayelsa State was taken by armed youth overnight Wednesday	-	Nigerian					Four of those being held escaped on Dec 28th. They claimed that there were still 30 persons still being held at the site
	23rd Dec	-	-		NNPC	Warri Refinery	The explosion ravaged two oil pipelines from WRPC to the jetty.	-	-					One report stated "Explosives were placed under a pipeline at the refinery, but blew up a water pipeline instead of the (probable target of the) hydrocarbons pipeline nearby"

