

Oyibos Online: 2007 Expat & Nigerian Abductions & Related Incidents

DATE OF INCIDENT	INCIDENT START	DATE RELEASED	DURATION IN WHOLE DAYS	EMPLOYER	INCIDENT LOCATION	SCENARIO	EXPATRIATES				NIGERIAN NATIONALS			GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY	GROUP STATEMENT	NOTES
							Numbers Taken	Currently Held	Killed	Nationality	Numbers Taken	Currently Held	Killed			
5th Jan 07	5:30	18th Jan 07	13	Sichuan Telecom Company seconded to ATSC, an Abuja based Telecommunications Company	Isiodu which is part of Emohua LGA	A group of armed youths broke into the apartment where the workers were staying in a remote village and forced them away at gunpoint.	5	0	0	Chinese			0	Likely community-based militants for ransom		
7th Jan 07	-	-	-	Nigerian Navy	Soku in Akuku Toru Local Government Area of Rivers State	Routine patrol joint Task Force boat came under a spontaneous attack by seven boats used by the militants and their sheer firepower overwhelmed the security personnel leading to some jumping into the water					1	0	1			Tuesday 9th Dec - "A Nigerian naval officer kidnapped during the attack has been found dead. His body has been returned the Navy base"
10th Jan 07	4:30	12th Jan 07	2	Daewoo	EGGS2 project Daewoo Base at Ogu near Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	"Gunmen came in six boats to the riverside base near the Bayelsa state capital Yenagoa. They blew up part of an office building and the ground was littered with pieces of zinc roofing, electrical fittings and air conditioning units"	9	0	0	Korean	1	0	0		MEND have denied complicity	The hostages were released at 5.30pm on Friday 12th January 07. A statement from the government on Friday said "the release of the nine Koreans was secured without any ransom".
16th Jan 07	Around 18:00	-	-	Hyundai Heavy Industries Co	Near the yellow/Abacha' loading platform 2 n.miles up river from Bonny Island	Two boats carrying about 16 armed robbers came along side & killed one naval rating, wounding one other. The boats captain was also shot & died later that day. One Dutch expat was also killed & several others including a Korean, a second Dutch man & three Nigerians were seriously injured.	-	-	2	Korean, Dutch			1	Currently appears like a brutal armed robbery. Inside information suggested as boat was carrying a large sum of money	MEND have denied complicity	Industry sources said the boat ferry was operating only because poor visibility caused by seasonal dust clouds had grounded helicopters. The gunmen removed goods & a sum of money from the boat during the attack. This would appear to be a serious escalation in the willingness to kill during robberies.
17th Jan 07	between 07:00 & 08:00	-	-	Well stimulation vessel "Deep Sim" 22 pax on board	60 nm offshore	The vessel "Deep Sim" was pursued by up to 5 fast boats. The chase lasted some time before the aggressors gave up.	-	-	-				0			This appears to be an attempted abduction. Though the Nigerian coast does not lag far behind the Straits of Malacca regarding acts of piracy
20th Jan 07	Circa 09:00	13th Feb 07	24	Germany's Baco-Liner, based in Duisburg	Vessel Bacoliner 2 Merchant Ship attacked in the Chanomi Creek - connecting Escravos & Forcados Rivers then taken to Okorenkoko.	The militants were allegedly operating from a commercial vessel, which might have been seized for the purpose.	24	0	0	Filipino			0	8th Feb 06 Now being held by MEND	25th Jan 07 - Reported statement - "it (the group) has reviewed the execution of the 24 foreign workers on board the cargo ship in our custody. This is sequel to a plea from the federal government and Ijaw elders that they are going to work towards the actualization of our demands"	1st Feb 07 Vanguard: "The 24 Filipino hostages being held by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger-Delta (MEND), yesterday, intensely appealed to the Federal Government to consider their plight and meet the demands of the militants for them to be released. The hostages were all hale and hearty except for complaints of malaria, diarrhoea and when Vanguard visited the location in the creeks of Niger-Delta where they are being held, yesterday morning. The captain of the cargo ship belonging to Bacoliner, Ruben B. Roble and leader of the hostages in the camp fondly addressed by the militants as "Capo", told Vanguard that the militants were treating them well.
23rd Jan 07	6:45	17th Feb 07	25	PIVOT Eng' (JV with GIS - "Grand Isle Shipyard")	Wimpy Rd near Aker base	"They were taken by armed men from their car on the way to work and from there straight to the waterside and into the swamps."	2	0	0	British, American	1	0	1	Community group for ransom.	Early reports of MEND denying involvement.	7th Feb 07: British expat released. "He was pretty sick. His health was deteriorating," a diplomat said. The 2nd expat & Nigerian were released on Saturday 17th Feb 07.
25th Jan 07	around 06:00	4th Feb 07	11	Chinese National Petroleum Company & SPDC	Sagbama - Bayelsa state	The attack was launched by suspected militants who stormed the company premises located some distance away from the bank of the Forcados River in two speed boats. The invaders who shot their way into the company premises were said to have divided themselves in two formation with one group marching straight to the expatriates' quarters while the other group made for the vault where money meant for the payment of staff salary was kept. One militant killed in the attack.	9	0	0	Chinese			1	MEND told AFP it was not involved in the abduction. No other party has so far claimed responsibility for the attack		Numbers finally confirmed at 9 CNPC are in a JV, SPDC carrying out the seismic work. The attackers might have been tipped off by an insider since the company was said to have earlier withdrawn about N30m from an unnamed bank for workers salary. There was no word about whether a ransom was paid to secure the release of the nine men.
27th Jan 07	PM	-	-	"working for a building materials company"		The man was reportedly being forced into his own car when there was a gun shot. He died later that evening in the clinic.			1	Belgian						The police commissioner of Delta state, where Warri is located, said the man's Nigerian girlfriend and driver had been arrested on suspicion of hiring two gunmen to ambush and kill the man on Saturday so they could keep his property. "He died of gunshot wounds yesterday evening. It is a clear case of murder," the commissioner said by telephone from Warri.
28th Jan 07	13:15 - 18:30	-	-	-	Sobomabo George Horsefall (Ateke's number two) who is described as a senior leader in Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta was arrested & held in the State Investigation and Intelligence Bureau and the Rivers state police headquarters. This led to about 100+ militants armed with machine guns landing at the Bundu waterfront, storming & attacking the two police stations. 105 suspects were released from the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) while the 20 others were released by the militants from the Central Police Station where seven police vehicles were destroyed by dynamite.								5	MEND	"We lost none of our fighters in the encounter which saw the destruction of the State Investigation and Intelligence Bureau and the Rivers state police headquarters. Our fighters have since retreated to the creeks with our prize,"	"Soboma George was being kept for traffic contravention. I understand he was driving in the car at the stop and search point of the police, he refused to stop. The police chased, caught up with him and he was eventually arrested" Sobomabo George Horsefall apparently controls a gang called The Outlaws which has been in 'dispute' with other militant groups - There are reports that police fought back with helicopter gun ships and an armoured personnel carrier. The State Investigation and Intelligence Bureau and the Rivers state police headquarters was apparently damaged. Despite heavy use of fire arms & explosives, only five fatalities were reported'
30th Jan 07	AM	-	-	Addax / Petrostuff Nigeria Limited	Akam oil production platform in OML123 located 20 kilometres offshore Cross River State in southern Nigeria	"Gunmen raided the rig operated by Addax Petroleum on Tuesday and took one Nigerian worker hostage"					1	0	1	suspected a local community group	None to date	PM Friday 2nd Feb: "It is with deep regret that Addax Petroleum reports the death of an employee following his abduction from the Akam oil production platform " There are indications that the attack was misdirected & that the Addax rig was mistaken for the intended target of another nearby rig run by different company
1st Feb 07	1300-1400	-	-	?	Between Onne and Eket near the village of Bori	"It would appear that whilst escorting a contractor expat from Onne back to Eket, the MOPOL in the vehicle was shot and killed by armed robbers. The driver of the vehicle sustained a bullet wound to his leg but the contractor was unharmed. No further details known."							1			
6th Feb 07	circa 08:00	7th Mar 07	29	Netco Dietsmann contracted to SPDC	Abba - Owerri Rd Nr Owerri Airport	The gunmen reportedly blocked the road with a van and shot dead the policeman who tried to stop the kidnapping.	1	0	0	Filipino			1			Reported that "the Filipino that was kidnapped along Owerri Airport on 6 Feb 07 has been rescued by soldiers at Buguma on 7 Mar 07 at about 8:30pm"
7th Feb 07	10:15				Garrison area. Junction near bank	"gunmen snatched the woman in a busy street as she was walking between a bank and her car. A security source said she had a large amount of cash on her at the time. "	0	0	0	Filipino woman					8th Mar 07 Filipino Foreign Undersecretary Esteban Conejos Jr said in a news conference that "Josiebeth Gregorio Foroozan appeared to be in the flight manifest of Lufthansa Airlines on February 7 leaving Nigeria for Frankfurt, Germany... Immigration records in Manila show she disembarked from an International flight at Manila airport on 10th Feb."	
7th Feb 07	circa 19:00	16th Mar 07	37	"under local contract to Total"		(He) "drove to the front of his home and while waiting for the gate to be opened, some unknown persons swooped on him and took him hostage"	1	0	0	French						LAGOS (AFP) - A Frenchman kidnapped in Nigeria's southern oil capital Port Harcourt more than a month ago was released early Friday
17th Feb 07	?	21st Feb 07	4	Four Mormon missionaries	AP Press: "They were seized near Port Harcourt, the area's main city"	No data					4	0	0			Reported that the Church did not pay ransom but paid "living expenses" of \$850 to the abductors
18th Feb 07	20:00			Hydrodive	Taken from a small bush bar on the Rumuepikom / Iwofe road	Their ship had just berthed & the three went to relax in a local bush bar - "They were taking a drink in a bar outside the base when militants stormed the area and took them away," an oil industry security source said	3	0	0	2 Croatian, 1 Montenegrin				suspected local community opportunist group		The operatives apparently walked over 4 kms with the expats from the militants den to the road.

23rd Feb 07	8:00	-	-	AUC construction company		Two Lebanese attacked on airport road (old airport) just as they were entering their yard. they were rained with gun shots, one report says up to 200 bullet holes. One died on the spot, the 2nd was hit in the shoulder & lower arm. Driver also injured.	-	-	1	Lebanese					Currently believed one Lebanese survived & is being treated in PMH memorial hospital Old GRA. Driver also shot in shoulder	
23rd Feb 07	late morning	26th Feb 07	3	Rivigo (part of Impregilo Group).	Khana (Ogoni land) - 40kms from PH	Italian press: "their company was hired to inspect roads & bridges. At one bridge they had to take a boat to inspect the other side. "Militant" boat approached from the other bank with some 15 armed boys inside. Cirled around the boat carrying the expats and then dragged the two away."	2	0	0	Italian					The ANSA news agency reported there was a firefight, and that three other Italians managed to get away. Another report states "Watching this were some 10 Mopol/army that were along for security. No shots fired at all"	
23rd Feb 07					The militants were said to have accosted Ekong along Abak-Uyo Road.	"the council chairman was kidnapped alongside his personal assistant and driver..... eyewitness said they were pushed out of their Peugeot saloon vehicle into another car before they were taken away"					2	0			"abducted the Chairman of Ikot Abasi Local Government Area, Mr. Aniefiok Ekong....those who kidnapped Ekong had already asked for a N50m ransom in order to effect his quick release"	
28th Feb 07	15:00	3rd Mar 07	3	Alren Construction Company	At Mbiama as he was driving towards Port Harcourt from the Bayelsa end of the East West Road	Punch newspaper: "The militants stormed the company's site at Akinima last Wednesday and took away Raymond at about 3pm on the pretext that they were wanted in connection with an undisclosed crime..."	1	0	0	Lebanese					Confirmed by his company - Released on Sunday 3rd Mar. Punch newspaper: "The men in military uniform who arrested Raymond suddenly lost interest in him when they realised that he was not an oil company staff. They dropped the man at where they parked his jeep and asked him to go away. At that point, Raymond hired a taxi cab and drove straight to the airport and left for Lagos en route for Lebanon." But another reports stae that a ransom was paid.	
12th Mar 07	15:10	-	-	NLNG	NLNG: "boat carrying 29 persons was attacked....around Dawes Island"	Early data '(about) 5 boats surrounded Flash 4 and then two armed men boarded the boat demanding money and handsets. The two Mopol guards were shot seemingly after the vessel had been taken & the robbers escaped with their guns'							2	Motive as yet uncertain - Seemingly pirates, but maybe militants looking for expats	If the reports of the execution are verified, it will possibly be the first time members of the military have been executed after the attack rather than shot in the initial fire fight. No harm to passengers or crew.	
18th Mar 07	17:00	1 released 4th June 07	?	Innoson Group of Companies Ltd, a motorcycle assembly plant	Nnewi, Anambra State	"Four men drove into the assembly plant, shot sporadically in the air, and bundled the three men into a four-wheel drive and sped off"	2	0	0	2 Chinese	1	0	0	"suspected members of MASSOB"	Tuesday 22nd May 07: A combined team of military, State Security Services (SSS) and Mobile Police personnel are reportedly awaiting clearance from the Presidency to invade an enclave of suspected Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) members in Ebonyi State (<i>to rescue the</i>) two Chinese nationals abducted from Nnewi. 25th May 07: "Ebonyi state government says the abductors of the two Chinese Nationals, suspected to be members of MASSOB are currently demanding a ransom of twenty million naira before their hostages could be released" 04.Jun.07: Local press said military officers stormed a hideout used by the captors in the nearby Ebonyi State, following a tip-off. One of the two hostages was freed. Wednesday 10th Oct 07 - Information from diplomatic sources indicate this man was released	
23rd Mar 07	7:00	4-Apr-07	13	Bilfinger Berger	Abuloma yard, Trans Amadi, Port Harcourt	(Reuters) "They attacked in three speed boats and fought their way into the camp invaded the construction yard of Bilfinger Berger on the waterfront at dawn, engaged guards in a 3 hr shootout and abducted the security manager when he went to investigate what was happening."	1	0	0	Dutch					"incident confirmed with the MOPOL commander posted at B&B" The man abducted is the B&BGos Security manager	
23rd Mar 07	9:45	25th Mar 07	2	Setramach/Stemco/ Setraco	Near Agbaro Roundabout outside Ughelli	They were "travelling to their job site in order to repair their damaged heavy duty equipment along the road they were constructing, when they were ambushed"	2	0	0	1 Palestinian, 1 Indian				Likely community-based militants for ransom		
31-Mar-07	7:12	4-Apr-07	5	Rig is Norwegian owned but leased to Peak Petroleum	Bulford Dolphin - 60kms offshore Bayelsa State	Gunmen ambushed rig . Shots were fired. One security vessel was seized. Offshore Installation Manager kidnapped	1	0	0	British					"We are in contact with authorities and hoping to bring a swift and peaceful resolution to the incident," a British Foreign Office spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity in line with policy.	
2-Apr-07	7:00	12-Apr-07	10	Foundation Tech - Part of Setraco	Yenagoa area of Bayelsa	Gunmen invaded the facility. A shoot out occurred but no reports of casualties	2	0	0	Lebanese				Likely community-based militants for ransom	The facility was protected by a large number of JTF. The militants were still able to overpower them	
6th Apr 07	19:30	21-Apr-07	15	Merpa, a contractor to Italian oil company Agip	"pulled over by kidnappers car along Elelenwo Street near Presidential Hotel"	"They were intercepted by militants when they were driving late yesterday evening," said Felix Ogbaudu, police commissioner of Rivers State. Another quote "the kidnappers were dressed in Police uniforms and ordered the car to pull over and the expats to step out before grabbing them."	2	0	0	Turkish				No one has claimed responsibility for the two men's kidnapping.	The kidnappers got in touch with the men's Turkish employer and conveyed their ransom demand, the diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP. No details available at this time regarding the conditions for their release. We have no info if any ransom was paid. Will revert	
16th Apr 07	20:00	22-Apr-07	6	Delta Steel co.	Aladja, Delta State	Reports say men were abducted from their residential compound	2	0		Indian					According to the Times of India, approx \$250,000 was paid in ransom	
27th Apr 07	08:00	-	-	Reported as - Macoba Nig. Int	Reclamation Rd, Port Harcourt	Two gunmen in military fatigues attacked a car taking the two expatriates to work. Apparently the driver ran away & the expats took the wheel & escaped. A fire fight ensued between the kidnappers and the MoPol escort. It is reported that two Mopol guards were shot & killed. In another report "Security forces managed to intercept the kidnappers and the expatriate was reportedly rescued after a firefight near the Waterfront/Abonnema Wharf".							2			
1st May 07	4:00	2nd June 07	32	Chevron	FPSO Oloibiri floating storage and offloading vessel, which operates off the coast of Nigeria's Bayelsa	"The militants shot one navy personnel and compelled the crew to throw a rope down to give them access by using dynamite"	6	0		4 Italians, 1 Chilean, 1 Australian 1 Brit, 1 Romanian				1	"militants claiming to be members of the Movement for Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND)" This attack is intended to serve as a disclaimer to various government sponsored newspaper stories, indicating mends approval of Jonathan and Yar Adua. Jonathans selection as vice president of Nigeria is of no consequence to us unless it is accompanied by a fulfilment of all conditions we have previously given to the Nigerian government and oil companies for peace to return to the Niger delta. Today's attack on the chevron operated facility, is also intended to serve as a warning to shell concerning it's return to fields we have previously attacked in Bayelsa and delta states. "The hostages will be released unconditionally on May 30, 2007," MEND said in an email statement"	Tuesday 29th May 07: A spokesman for the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said in an email to AFP that it will on Wednesday unconditionally release six foreign oil workers it has been holding hostage for the past month.
2nd May 07	circa 20:00	3rd May 07	1	AGIP	FSPO Mystras (Okono and Okpoho fields 35Km offshore from Bonny) Also Gannet support vessel	The Gannet standby vessel was boarded by militants. Later, they used the Gannet to come along side & overcome the Mystras. 6 were kidnapped from the FPSO and 2 from the Gannet standby vessel.	8	0		2 Croatians, 2 Polish, 1 Chilean, 1 Australian 1 Brit, 1 Romanian	2	0	0	Seemingly likely to be non MEND associated, rather disaffected previous employees with access to arms	(MEND) "his group had not intended to take more hostages, having seized six foreign workers from a U.S.-operated oilfield on Tuesday"	The gunmen were apparently high on something, which of course raises the danger stakes for all concerned
2nd May 07	20:00	6th Jun 07	36		Warri - a bar near entrance road to the Odibo Estate, Erenen Road	"taken Hostage at gunpoint yesterday evening by 12 armed ljaws"	1	0		Dutch				Probable Community issues	Possibly result of previous altercation in the same bar some days before	
3rd May 07	2:00	8th May 07	6	Daewoo	Daewoo camp near Afam Power, 20 miles northeast of Port Harcourt	"The armed group broke into accommodation facilities and drove the workers away in a stolen vehicle" There was apparently a 40 minute gun battle.	11	0		8 Pilipino, 3 south Koreans	1	0	0	"Contact has been made with the gunmen but with little result so far"	It seems apparent that three visiting Daewoo executives were specifically targeted as the militants went straight to their rooms, indicating inside knowledge	

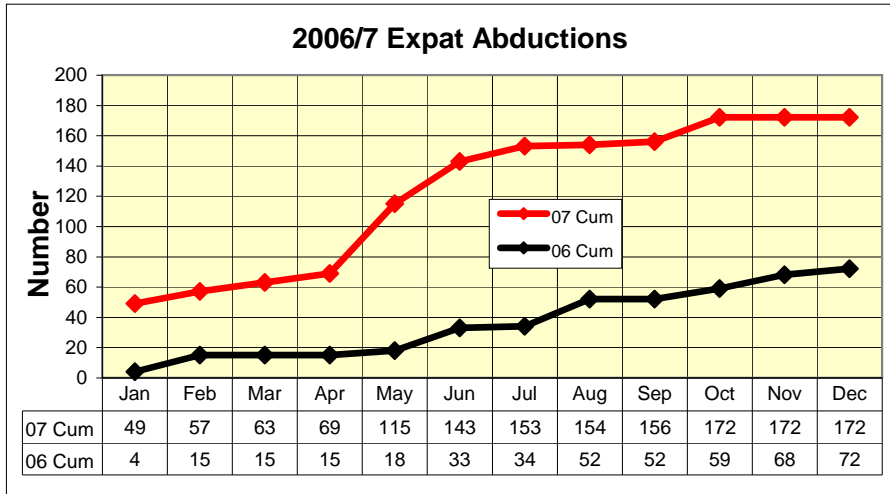
5th May 07	5:00	Date unknown			Conoil - Trident 8 jack-up rig	"Gunmen who boarded the Trident 8 rig left 23 other workers unharmed"	1	0		1Brit								5th Sep 07: Data from High Commission indicates the man has been released.
5th May 07	circa 20:15	17th May 07	12	Catering contractor Whassan Euresst Nigeria Limited,	Near Presidential Hotel GRA	The gunmen are reported to have waited nearby in an unmarked vehicles. As she was about to enter her compound one car blocked her front & a second vehicle blocked her car from behind. The woman and her driver were forced by the gunmen into their unmarked car and driven towards the new Airport Link Road where the driver was forced out.	1	0		Russian female				Possibly business or community related. MEND have not claimed responsibility, it is also not their style.				Goncharov of the Russian Embassy: "I believe the people who abducted her are not connected to Nigerian political organizations. There are a number of criminal gangs here that regularly kidnap foreign citizens. This was apparently done to demand ransom." The lady in question is apparently suffering from a bullet wound sustained during the original kidnapping.
8th/9th May 07	midnight	30th May 07	22	Global Industries Vessel	10km Offshore Escravos	appears to have been a well planned attack. Militants used heavy weapons including RPGs. Three Navy personnel were injured in the attack. Navy did return fire but were overwhelmed.	4	0		USA				An Ijaw group identified as Niger Delta Freedom Fighters (Egbema One)	They said they would no longer accept marginalization and asked the oil companies, which they also accused of neglect of the area, to provide employment for them.			Captives were interviewed by a reporter from the Nigerian Vanguard newspaper "They were all in good health when this reporter met with them but each one of them wants to go home and reunite with their families as soon as possible"
14th May 07	7:00	30th May 07		AGIP	Iwofe-Rumuolumeni Road, Port Harcourt	The Human Resources manager was taken by six armed men in military fatigues whilst on his way to work					1	0		No group has yet claimed responsibility or made any demands.				22nd May 07 - "the Joint Revolution Council (JRC), which is the umbrella body of the militant groups in the region, has vowed to find and effect the release of the Human Resource Manager of Nigeria AGIP Oil Company Mr. Ifeanyi Obike"
16th May 07	AM	20th May 07	4		Woji Rd, GRA 2 PH	"Gunmen seized a child from a house in Nigeria's southern oil-producing region on Wednesday, officials said. The child was taken from a home in one of the most affluent areas of Port Harcourt"					3			Likely criminal extortion gang	There re reports that the abductors are asking 150 million Naira, non negotiable			This is another very disturbing escalation in the abductions portfolio. "It is believed that the kidnapers wrongly believed they were seizing the child of an employee of American oil-services firm Wilbros. The kidnapers first demanded a ransom of the equivalent of €110,000, but lowered the price dramatically when they realised they had taken the wrong child"
19th May 07	4:30	11th Jun 07	23	Indorama (majority owner of the Eleme petrochemical plant)	Eelenwo	"The militants invaded a block of flats occupied by Indorama after setting dynamite against the front entrance and detonating the charges, and took 10 workers. The joint task force responded to a distress call and rescued eight, they escaped with two," said spokesman Sagir Musa. The abductees were taken in a bus to the waterfront and transferred to a boat in handcuffs.	2	0		Indian			1					Part of the 11th Jun 07 release noted below
22nd May 07	7:30	28th May 07	6	Nigercat	Main Warri/Sapele road at Enerhen round about	Lebanese financial controller working for an oil services company was snatched from a work compound in the city of Warri shortly after sunrise. The kidnappers abandoned their car and a gun and fled in their abductees vehicle	1	0		Lebanese								One security source said the Lebanese hostage was released on Monday(28th May 07), but this could not be confirmed from other sources. Gunmen had seized a Lebanese financial controller working for an oil services company in Warri on May 22
24th May 07	Approx' 07:30	27th May 07	3	Pacific Dredging and Marine Ltd	Orugdo creek near Warri	Five gunmen grabbed a Polish worker as he was heading for his construction project, & rushed the captive into a speed boat & disappeared into the waterways. In another report "He was kidnapped in by about six gunmen on a boat. He was on his own without any security, we don't know what he was doing there,"	1	0		Polish								"the Pole was the chief engineer of Pacific Dredging and Marine Ltd., a company based in Warri."
25th May 07	6:45	11th Jun 07	17	CCP vessel contracted to Conoil	offshore from Sangana community in Bayelsa - Nun river area	"abducted from a pipe laying vessel by 15 militants in two speed boats", there was an exchange of fire with security guards on the vessel during the kidnapping	10	0		3 American, 4Brits, 1 South African, 1 Filipino, 1 Indian	1	0		Seems likely to have been carried out by a MEND splinter group. The action & subsequent threat to harm abductees is apparently causing dissention within MEND	Tuesday 26th May 07 "A prominent militant group, Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), Bayelsa State chapter has issued a 72-hour ultimatum to the Federal Government to release detained activist, Alhaji Asari Dokubo or risk the killing of seven expatriate oil workers"			11th Jun 07: The men were picked up in a helicopter by Governor Timipre Sylva, who then hosted them at a dinner. "The first three days were hell. There were a lot of mock executions," said South African Duploy Smit, who was seized from an offshore oil industry vessel on May 25. "They were all high on local gin and marijuana, and carrying machineguns so you never knew what would happen next."
1st June 07		15th Jun 07	14	Indorama (majority owner of the Eleme petrochemical plant)	Eelenwo	The Akpajo Housing Estate of Indorama Ltd., owners of Eleme Petrochemical in Port Harcourt (Rivers State) was attacked this morning and a number of hostages have been taken. 6 men, 2 Woman, 2 Children	10	0		Indian				Unknown				That brings to a total 12 from this company currently in captivity. Visiting high ranking company members were taken, indicating inside knowledge. The 10 taken included 2 women & 2 children. Friday 15th Jun 07 - All, including the ladies and children, are in good health
1st June 07	Approx 23:50:00	23rd Jun 07	22	Schlumberger Anadri	Rumuogba Estate, Port Harcourt	At approximately midnight last night - 8 armed men dressed in Mopol uniforms stormed the Schlumberger Anadri residential compound located near Rumuogba Estate. They claimed they were looking for one of the Mopol on duty. They then gained access to the club house and abducted 4 expatriates	4	0		1 Dutch, 1 Brit, 1 Pakistani, 1 French				Movement for the Niger Delta People (MONDP)				Sat 23rd Jun 07: The hostages were handed over to Alaibe in the border between Bayelsa and Rivers State before he in turn, handed them over to the Director of State Security Services in Rivers State, Alhaji Kola Adesina. The hostages who have been handed over to their employers were allegedly poorly treated and looked frail and unwell when they were released and have been rushed to an undisclosed hospital for immediate medical attention
3rd June 07	approx 04:00	7th Aug 07	64	Aluminium Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON)	Ikot Abasi	Militants attacked a residential community of UC RUSAL's employees. Using explosives, they blew up the men's apartment before taking them away in 2 minivans. A local driver, who worked for ALSCON, was shot dead.	6	0		Russian			1					Tuesday 7th Aug 07: Six Russian hostages were freed in Nigeria's oil producing Niger Delta on Tuesday after two months in captivity, a state government spokesman said. The six, including one woman, were abducted on June 3 from the Aluminium Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON), which is controlled by Russia's United Company RUSAL.
3rd June 07		3rd June 07	4 hours	West Africa Offshore	Onne Port	The men are said to have been in a bar when the incident took place.	2	0		Filipino								Filipino hostages were freed by police at the Eelenwo waterfront on the outskirts of Port Harcourt. The two men spent around four hours in captivity. In the raid one of the militants was shot dead while others escaped with bullet wounds.
8th Jun 07	19:25	20th Jun 07	12	Modant Marine	Near the College of Education on Iwofe Rd, Rumoulumeni	taken from his white Toyota Land Cruiser along with his driver by unknown gunmen	1	0		Lebanese								Abduction site is near waterway, & is the area of several previous abductions
14th Jun 07	17:00			Atlantic Dredging	company's site in Kaiama, Kolokuma/Opokuma area of Bayelsa State.	"Armed gunmen in a double engine Yamaha 150 horsepower speedboat stormed the company site situated some distance away from the Nun River. The invaders were said to have shot their way into the company premises and over powered the security men on guard duties before whisking away their prey and disappeared through the river "	1	0		Polish								Some reports are saying this is one & the same with the incident below involving three Indians. It seems clear at least that a total of four persons were snatched in the combined abduction/s. Wednesday 10th Oct 07 - Information from diplomatic sources indicate this man was released some time ago.
15th Jun 07		24th Jun 07	9	J. K. Industries - Rubber company	Akintola Road Junction in Sapele, Niger Delta	abducted at on their way to work. It was the first such incident in Sapele since the spate of kidnappings in the Niger Delta. militants who were driving a white Nissan Sport Utility Van (SUV) blocked the vehicle conveying the Indians at the junction. The four militants, in commando style, took the hostages away after locking the driver and one of the company's officials in the boot of the car.	2	0		Indian	1	0		A security source disclosed that it became obvious that the kidnappers did not belong to any of the groups that claimed to be fighting for the Niger Delta cause when they also requested for recharge cards from the accountant			Monday 18th Jun 07: "It was further learnt that the militants were so desperate that they were prepared to release the hostages last night provided they could make some money from their crime"	
15th Jun 07				Italian firm Stabilini	Ogara in Delta state	snatched in Delta state in the western part of the anarchic wetlands region. The kidnappers took them away by speedboat, he said.	2	0		Lebanese								Stabilini is building a hospital at Ogara in Delta State. Wednesday 10th Oct 07 - Information from diplomatic sources indicate these men was released some time ago.
26th Jun 07	-	-	-	AGIP	AGIP facility in Ebocha	An AGIP staff was shot and killed by persons suspected to be militants in a swamp close to AGIP facility in Ebocha							1					The motive behind the killing is not known but some are of the opinion that it could be retaliatory to the killing of militants at another AGIP facility by members of the Military Joint Task Force (JTF).

26th Jun 07	AM	29th Jun 07	3	-	a private nursery school, at Elekahia Housing Estate, Port Harcourt	A three-year-old son of a state lawmaker was abducted in Port Harcourt. Three young men in their mid 20's drove to the school in an ash coloured Mazda saloon car and proceeded to the child's class and took him away.					1	0				This incident is the second child abduction from a private school in Port Harcourt in the last two months. (AFP)30thJun07 - Kidnappers Friday released the three-year-old son of a lawmaker who had been abducted in southern Nigeria's Rivers State, after receiving 13 million naira (102,000 dollars) ransom. The kidnappers had initially demanded a ransom of 20 million naira.
1st Jul 07	21:45			local Nigerian construction Company	Evo crescent / Tombia Road intersection close to Le Meridien.	Rivers State Police Command Public Relations Officer: "Seven gunmen waylaid a Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) bus inside which the Syrian was riding along"	1	0	1	Syrian				3rd Jul 07: No group has claimed responsibly.		Vanguard Monday 13th Aug : "he was hypertensive and once he was captured, his blood pressure got out of control. His condition was compounded by his lack of access to doctor or drugs." JTF spokesman: "He was abducted by militants. They demanded a ransom but no ransom was paid and a group of community leaders went to release him. He died before he could be taken to hospital for treatment."
4th Jul 07	AM	11th Jul 07	7	Lonestar, a Nigerian contractor to Shell	Exploration rig near Soku Flow Station, Rivers state	Early this morning there was an attack on a Shell facility at Soku. Armed men came in several boats, opened fire on security and abducted five expatriates," One Nigerian was killed and one seriously injured	5	0		1 Aust, 2 New Z's, 1 Lebanese, 1 Venezuelan			1	Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (Mend) has stated it has nothing to do with this new attack		New Zealand's High Commissioner for Nigeria, Jonathan Hunt, says money (as opposed to militancy) is likely to be the motive for the kidnapping
5th Jul 07	circa 08:00	8th July 07	4	The Father has worked or still works on a consultancy basis for Lonestar	Woji Road GRA	"Around five men pulled up in a Honda, smashed the car window to get at the girl and stabbed the driver in the arm as he tried to protect her"	1	0		British				No group has claimed responsibility or made any demands.		Everyone is very upset & moved by this new low life abductions escalation. This is now the third such child abduction. Sheer brute extortion gangster thugs at their very worst. A 3 1/2 year old small child.
7th Jul 07	15:30	12th July	5	SPDC	near Buguma	On Saturday 7th July at circa 1530 hrs an incident occurred at a Pipeline Repair worksite near Buguma. During the incident, a total of 15 contractor, government and SPDC staff personnel were initially prevented from working and detained at site by armed militants. Later the same day, 13 of the personnel were released, whilst two, including an SPDC staff member, were removed from the site by the militants to an unknown location.					15	0				
8th Jul 07	circa 20:30	8th Aug 07	32	Peak Petroleum, a contracting firm to Chevron/Texaco	Offshore Calabar - marine vessel, "Monipo"	Vessel was halted by armed youths who invaded the area with four speed boats. They fired several shots into the air before kidnapping the foreigners	2	0		1 British, 1 Bulgarian				Authentic Emancipation of the Movement for Peace and Development in the Niger Delta (EMOPEND), has claimed responsibility for the abduction.	"The group threatened not to release the foreigners until its demands are met"	Wednesday 8th Aug: A Bulgarian and a Briton, kidnapped last month in Nigeria's oil producing Delta region, have been freed, the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday. The 48-year-old Bulgarian is expected to arrive in Sofia via Paris on Thursday, the ministry said in a statement
9th Jul 07	21:30	-	-	Daewoo	SPDC Gbaran/Ubie project. Daewoo accom' site - Mbiama, Nr Yenagoa	Attack by number of armed persons on the Daewoo CPF accom' site . The attack was repelled by military deployed to defend the base. 2-3 attackers were killed & 1 was taken prisoner										This would seem to have be an abduction attempt to take Daewoo Korean staff.
12th Jul 07	AM	13th Jul 07	1			The 3-year-old son of the Paramount ruler - Chief Dr Eze Francis Amadi of Iriebe has been abducted. Samuel Amadi was kidnapped by gunmen in two cars as he was on his way to school along the East West Rd in Nigeria's oil capital, Port Harcourt					1	0				4th Child abduction since 16th May 07. The gunmen holding Samuel Amadi had reportedly demanded a ransom of 50m naira (\$393,000) to release him but Chief Amadi denied paying any money
12th Jul 07	18:00	-	-	Sand dredging company	Onitsha end of the River-Niger.	The kidnappers operating in a speed-boat, stormed the Ose Okwodu market Onitsha axis of River Niger, when the workers were preparing to go home after the day's job. The hoodlums, clutching rifles, surrounded the men and bundled them into another waiting speed-boat and sped off to Enechele, an Island in between River-Niger and Anambra River					7	0			The kidnappers are apparently people who claim to be the land owners of the area where the dredging company collects sand for commercial purposes.	The kidnappers were also said to have invited the proprietor for a discussion and cautioned about the adverse consequences of intimidating the police. They were said to have threatened to kill the seven men if the police were involved. However, reacting on behalf of the dredgers, Augustine Nnaemeka, said that they have been severely harassed and made to pay ransom by these kidnappers so that they would be allowed to carry on their businesses but all to no avail.
20th Jul 07	2:30	-	-	self-employed carpenter	Ogbonda St, Ogbunabali, Port Harcourt	Robbers locked the apartment block's security guard inside his post and entered the Lebanese man's house, took some of his belongings and shot him dead			1	Lebanese						A friend said he thought an attempted kidnapping was unlikely, because the man was self-employed and not wealthy . " We cannot understand why anybody will want to kill him. He had been doing his furniture business in this area for years. He was almost a Nigerian to many of us", some of his neighbours lamented.
20th Jul 07	Evening	-	-	?	Aba Rd. Port Harcourt	An Associated Press reporter witnessed a presumed kidnap when several gunmen began firing in the air near a white Toyota Hilux which was transporting expats. The incident happened in the vicinity of the first fly over on Aba Road. Escorting Mopol returned fire. Scores of motorists fled the area on foot	0	0	0							Commissioner of Police, Rivers State command, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu, told Sunday Punch that criminals were responsible for the attack. He said it was wrong for people to attribute every attack in the area to militants.
21st Jul 07	Evening	22nd Jul 07	1		Ada George roundabout	Four men reportedly abducted the chief's son from his residence at Eleme. The abductors took the son of a prominent Eleme community chief, Prince Awala Nta-Oluka, who is said to be in his late thirties.					1	0				5th Child abduction since 16th May 07. The 'child' was released the next day. The hostage takers according to the father demanded about fifty million naira. But he said he however secured the release of the child without paying a dime Mon 6th Aug 07 "ONE of those allegedly behind the abduction of a two year old child in Rivers State, Prince Samuel Oyunda Amadi, has been arraigned by the Federal Government at the Federal High Court in Port Harcourt - the accused pleaded not guilty"
25th Jul 07	Pre Dawn	-	-	Global Offshore		A Nigerian employee of Global Offshore, a subsidiary of Global Industries, was shot dead in his house at 2am last night in Ogbunabali. Police have recovered a vehicle that was taken. the man was a member of a committee to improve community and police relations.							1			
25th Jul 07	Approx 11.00hrs	-	-	Visiting Professor	D-Line, Port Harcourt	Professor Watts from Bristol, who said he had taught in the US for years, told AP news agency he thought they had been followed from a bank.				USA						Professor Michael Watts was in Port Harcourt to attend an awards ceremony at a local newspaper office. Ibiba Donpedro, the journalist for whom the ceremony had been organized, said the gunmen arrived at the newspaper office on at least two motorcycles. "The next thing, we heard shots all over. Young men came in, shot the Professor in the hand, ransacked the offices, shot up the windows, shot the security guy on the leg, and left. They were saying, "Where's the white man? Where's the money from the bank?"
29th Jul 07	20:50	-	-	Known but not published	Odolu St link road to Elelenwo St. Nr Skippers	A grey Jetta car overtook & pulled in front of a car carrying two expats. Three well dressed men carrying shotguns ran out towards the expats car. The driver reversed the car back down towards the junction hitting a parked car as he raced back. He then turned & drove towards Presidential. The attackers reversed their own car & followed them but gave up as the road became more populated by Salvation Church & Presidential roundabout on Birabi St										A salutary reminder, if one was needed, not to drop our guard.

31st Jul 07	AM	27th Aug 07	21	Gitto	Bodo City, Ogoni land	Gunmen numbering about 12, dressed in red, arrived by boat at a road construction site run by Italian firm Gitto near Bodo community in the Ogoni area of Rivers state. "They held everyone at gunpoint before seizing the Pakistani manager and taking him away by boat,"	1	0		Pakistani						Bodo has been plagued by deadly fights between two rival "cults" or youth gangs and the gunmen's red clothes suggested they may be members of Deebam, one of the cults. The kidnapers called demanding a ransom but they did not disclose the amount. Released 27th - "He was allegedly taken to a place near Kpor Primary School and asked to take a commercial motor bike popularly called okada, to the police station at Kpor. It was the Divisional Police officer at Kpor, Gokana Local Government area who allegedly took him to his employers."	
1st Aug 07	8:30	27th Aug 07	20	Nigerian Production Supervisor with Total/Elf	Iwofe road area by Agip Road	kidnapped by unknown men on his way from church					1	0				Confirming the story, the Commissioner of Police in Rivers State, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu said "there is no news at all on the incident since he was taken away. Nobody or group has claimed responsibility". Also responding to inquiries, the Head of Corporate Affairs of Elf in Nigeria, Mr. Fred Ohwawha confirmed that their staff was kidnapped.	
10th Aug 07	07:00 approx	4th Oct 07	55	Hydrodive	Mgbuoba PHC	When man failed to show up for work a search vehicle was dispatched. His car was discovered abandoned at the side of a road. The tyres had been shot out	1	0		British						Soldiers acted on a tip-off and raided the Abaara-Etche community close to the southern oil city of Port Harcourt before dawn. They exchanged gunfire with the kidnapers before freeing the Briton. "We found Mr David Ward in a fortified room in sub-human conditions", adding that the room was poorly lit and insalubrious. During his imprisonment Ward's captors did not harm him but threatened his life and moved him from one village to another at night. He also fell sick with malaria	
1st Sep 07	20:00 approx	-	-	Self employed	79, Evo Road, GRA.	Three men obtained access to the compound on Evo Rd. When the door to the house was opened, the assailants opened fire & killing the man. A note was left on the body.			1	Dutch					The note left by assailants claimed the death was retribution for car deal gone wrong. Police are investigating	All losses are sad. This one no more so. Tony was one of PH's characters, a musician who also did what he could to support & encourage local musicians. The manager of one of the expat bar outposts, known for its friendly atmosphere. Tony was always good for crack at the bar with sardonic Dutch humour.	
27th Sep 07	14:30	10th Oct 07	13	Saipem	Saipem yard at Rumuolumeni, Port Harcourt	About 10 gunmen, some dressed in military fatigues came in boats & attacked the Saipem base. The attackers killed one person and abducted two. There was an exchange of fire with soldiers at the Saipem yard before the attackers escaped.	2	0	1	Colombian & Filipino	1	0			MEND said in an e-mail to Reuters that its fighters were not involved in the attack, but that it could have been prompted by the threat. Monday 1st Oct 07 - In another twist MEND, has alleged that the attack on Saipem was carried out by some soldiers, in collaboration with some militants, to get ransom. Spokesman of the Joint Military Task Force in Rivers State, Major Musa Sagir, denied the allegation, describing it as unthinkable.	Colombian man was wounded in the attack and died shortly after being taken to hospital. One report from a witness states that the man died instantly by a shot to the head. Another Colombian, a Filipino & a Nigerian were missing after the raid, presumed abducted. The Saipem base is well defended from the land side, and on the seaward side there is a protection boom against seaborne attack- this was breached. 10th Oct 07: Colombian and the Filipino, were released overnight in good health after 12 days in captivity, security sources said on Wednesday. They were handed over to Government and SSS officials by their abductors at Abonema Bridge, along Akukutoru LGA road	
8th Oct 07		10th Oct 07	2	Ajaokuta Steel Company	Ajaokuta	Seven expatriate workers in Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited (ASCL), were kidnapped and held hostage by staff of the company who were protesting management failure to abide by the agreement it entered with the workers. The expatriates were kidnapped at the Fougerole life camp II	7	0							Alhaji Ado Ibrahim: "We are still not officially aware about the people that carried out this act,	Paramount ruler in the area, the Ohionoyi of Ebira land, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim said "the incident may have been triggered by communication break down between the team negotiating on behalf of workers that were meeting with management of ASCL and the Ministry of Steel and Solid Mineral Development, who went into a protracted meeting that started on Monday morning and went late into the night"	
20th Oct 07	20:45	22nd Oct 07	2	Bourbon Interoil	SPDC (Shell) EA Field - Vessels MV HD Commander & Surfer 141	The attackers armed with assault rifles came in about 20 speedboats. Both vessels were boarded. The doors to the bridge of HD Commander were protected by steel mesh but the attackers smashed their way in via the bridge windows. Laptops & radios were taken & some crew members were badly beaten, but not much other damage was done. The vessel Surfer 141 owned by Bourbon Interoil was seized and four Nigerians plus three expats from the HD Commander were taken away in Surfer 141.	3	0		1 South African, 1 British, 1 Croatian.	4	0			The boys (<i>attackers</i>) were complaining that Shell has not fulfilled the promises made to them. "Seems to be community boys from Ezetu, a community around the Shell EA field" a spokesman said..	Tuesday 23rd Oct 07: "The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) hereby confirm that the raid on the EA oil fields operated by Shell and the capture of seven (7) oil workers was indeed carried out by its gallant fighters on Saturday, October 20, 2007 in Bayelsa state of Nigeria"	The three men, a Croat, a Russian and a Britain were taken. The 3 expats were taken from the MV HD Commander, & 4 Nigerians taken from Surfer 141 including the vessel surfer 141 itself. "A British oil worker has been kidnapped in Nigeria along with six other men", the Foreign Office has confirmed. Currently conflicting reports that MEND or a local community group carried out the attack. The modus operandi would point to MEND. Monday 22nd Oct 07: Abductees were released to the Governor of Bayelsa this afternoon.
26th Oct 07	Circa 05:00	29th Oct 07	3	Saipem, an affiliate of Agip Oil	FPSO Mystras - Off 85 km Bonny Island	Speedboats carrying about 30-40 unidentified gunmen the gunmen came in four speedboats. They jumped aboard a supply vessel nearby the FPSO Mystras. The gunmen overpowered the vessel shortly before dawn and used it to board the nearby Mystras oil production facility, operated by Saipem and SBM Offshore, from where they seized six workers.	6	0		2 Polish, 4 Indian					MEND claimed responsibility	"the militants hinged their action on the arrest of Henry Okah in Angola. MEND accused the Federal Government of complicity in the matter and demanded its intervention to free Okah since the Angolan authorities have not been able to prove any crime against him"	Another Nigerian worker was injured in one leg. Second time this year FPSO Mystras has been attacked. On 2nd May 07, when six expat workers were also taken. Monday 29th Oct 07 15:45hrs, "Six abductees released & are in good health conditions." - "no ransom was paid. They (militants) did not request for ransom." There is some rancor between the security forces & the Presidential Peace and Reconciliation Committee, which apparently negotiated the release.
12th Nov 07	8:00	-	-	Exxon Mobil	QIT Eket	During mid morning "around 35 militants in around 8 to 11 speedboats boats attacked the MobileExxon QIT jetty. Apparently the attackers, all dressed in red clothes, had difficulty due to tide/sea state, in berthing at the Mobile installation, which appears to have been the target. So were forced to divert to a nearby naval jetty. Here they stole two 75 HP outboards whilst firing indiscriminately. Apparently - sadly "one pregnant woman was killed in the crossfire". Twenty-five others received minor injuries. After initial successes attackers left after forces from the Joint Military task force began to arrive. Firing had stopped by 12:00. Believed no one taken. QIT staff evacuated to Eket as a precaution. Production was not affected.							1		MEND	(MEND) led by the undersigned raided the Exxon Mobil Qua Iboe Terminal jetty in Akwa Ibom state of Nigeria. Our mission was to dispossess the military guards of all arms, ammunition and out-board engines at the jetty. The operation was a success. That raid and other on-going ones in the Niger Delta are to boost our armaments for the war that is imminent in that region. The theatre of war will not be limited to the Niger Delta region alone. We use this medium to warn both foreign and local oil workers that this new phase of resistance will be bloody and are advised to leave the region. To appreciate our preparedness, we are unveiling the MEND emblem which will be worn by all our fighters with the motto: 'for our freedom, and yours'. 'Jomo Gbomo'	Seemingly a totally independent action from the same day attack on the Cameroon Gendarmerie off the Bakassi peninsular
12th Nov 07	PM	-	-	-	Off Bakassi, Cameroon waters	21 Cameroonian water borne soldiers were killed in an exchange of fire off the Bakassi peninsula. Cameroonian military sources said that the attackers wore Nigerian military uniforms and ambushed a boat. Cameroon's Secretary-General at the Presidency, Mr. Laurent Esso said that 10 of the assailants were killed and one of their seven boats was destroyed when the Cameroonian army returned fire.							31		A group known as the Liberators of the Southern Cameroon People has claimed responsibility for the Bakassi killing	"until France and La Republique du Cameroon (Republic of Cameroon) leave our home land, the Southern Cameroon, we will not rest. We reject any intervention from the African Union (AU) or United Nations (UN) until every single French and French Camerounese Colonial Occupation Force leave the Southern Cameroon, a country with her own internationally defined borders, we will defend those borders till our death",	In another twist to the ever evolving Niger delta saga, a new group claiming to fight for the liberation of Southern Cameroon has emerged claiming responsibility Tuesday's 13th Nov attack on Cameroon Gendarmerie
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Expats taken	49	8	6	6	46	28	10	1	2	16	0	0	
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Possible flash point dates

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