

## **NUPENG ADVISES GOVERNMENT ON CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING OIL PRODUCTION**

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) is disturbed and worried about the drop in Oil production occasioned by the bombings of Oil and power installations in the Niger Delta.

It therefore advises the Federal Government to reinstate the former private security outfits that were used to police the oil pipelines by the past administration.

The Union posits that the current challenges facing the Oil production capacity can only be addressed by bringing back the private security agencies that were approved by the last administration which was profitable to the Oil and Gas industry and the Nation in general.

NUPENG is of the opinion that when the services of these security agencies were employed by the former Government, the Nation's pipelines were more secured and crude oil production was at its peak of 2.4 million barrels per day and there was respite.

The Union decries that it was unacceptable for our crude Oil production to plummet to only 900,000 barrels per day now in view of the recession when a ready solution is within our reach by re-engaging these private security agencies who know the terrain better and how to check the vandals.

It calls on the Federal Government to take the bull by the horn and stop the blame game that the economic recession is caused by the bombings of Oil installations in the Niger Delta, when the panacea is to reinstate the former security agencies to put a stop to the menace which is taking a toll on the economy.

It is against this backdrop that NUPENG strongly believes that for the Nation's Oil production to increase to meet our local and international demands the local private security agencies engaged by the past administration which helped the economy in no small measure should be brought back or else we will continue to trade blames.

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