

German hostage said freed in Nigeria

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LAGOS, Nigeria -- Nigerian rebels have released a German national who was kidnapped last week in the oil-rich Niger Delta. Deutsche Welle reported Wednesday that the victim had been held for less than a day. The kidnapping was the first abduction of a foreigner in the delta since last fall, and Deutsche Welle said it wasn't clear if the incident was an isolated occurrence or if it signaled a resumption of rebel attacks on foreign workers. Kidnappings of workers in the delta's oil fields have frequently been deemed responsible for pushing world crude oil prices higher.

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