

**Embassy Monitoring Case Of Malaysian Kidnapped By Gunmen – Kohilan
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is monitoring closely the case of a Malaysian abducted by gunmen off the coast of Nigeria's oil-rich southern delta last Saturday, said Deputy Foreign Minister Kohilan A. Pillay today.

However, he said, there had no update on the Malaysian who was kidnapped together with three other foreigners from Indonesia, Iran and Thailand during a deadly attack on two vessels belonging to an oil and gas services company in the Gulf of Guinea.

"We are still gathering information. The Malaysian embassy in Abuja is monitoring the situation," he told reporters after the flag-hoisting ceremony in conjunction with the 45th Asean Day celebration at Wisma Putra, here, today.

It was reported that gunmen attacked two vessels belonging to an oil and gas services company of the Sea Trucks Group, which provides support vessels to oil companies operating in Nigeria, before dawn on Saturday, 35 nautical miles off Nigeria's oil-rich delta.

The Niger Delta, a region once beset by militant and criminal attacks and kidnappings, has seen relative calm since a government-sponsored amnesty deal a few years ago.

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