

12 held over death of marine policemen in Bayelsa

From Hope Abah, Yenagoa

THE police in Bayelsa State yesterday confirmed the arrest of 12 persons in connection with the killing of two marine policemen while on patrol of the water ways in Yenagoa.

SPOKESMAN of the Bayelsa command, ASP. Equaveon Emokpae, told *Daily Trust* that the suspected pirates ambushed the marine patrol boat and opened fire on them, killing a sergeant and a corporal. The suspects are said to

be undergoing interrogation at the police intelligence unit and would be made to face the law battle if found wanting, the police said.

ACCORDING to Emokpae, the security network on the water ways will be reinforced to stop pirates from further attack on innocent people. Two marine policemen were on Monday killed at the Swali waterfront while on official duties in Yenagoa following an attack launched against them by the pirates.