

Sea Pirates Kill Three In Rivers

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SUSPECTED sea pirates yesterday attacked a commercial boat conveying passengers from Bonny to Port Harcourt, killing three persons and injuring several others.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, (Mrs.) Ireju Barasua, (DSP) confirmed the

incident. She told *The Guardian* that the victims were passengers on board a boat travelling to Port Harcourt from Bonny.

She explained that the boat had run into the sea pirates who were probably engaged in illicit oil bunkering in the creeks.

"They were traveling from Bonny and were attacked by sea pirates. They killed two persons inside the boat and injured several others. One person

later died in the hospital," the police spokesman explained.

On the identity of the persons on board the boat, she said the intelligence report available at press time did not indicate if the people were oil workers. It is believed that a policeman was among those killed.

The sea pirates were alleged to have dispossessed the passengers on board the boat of their valuables.