

# Three suspected sea pirates killed in shoot-out

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**T**HREE suspected sea pirates are feared dead in Bonny Island, Rivers State. Before they died, the trio - Wisdom Bishop, Timi Ifriaghe and Owolo Loveday, had been arrested by the Rivers State Police Command while fighting over the disappearance of three AK-47 rifles from their hideout.

It was learnt that after interrogation by the police, the suspects agreed to take the police team to their hideout to recover some arms, but

according to the C o m m a n d 's Spokesperson, Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abbey, the police team was welcomed with heavy gunshots from the trio's members at the hideout and a gun battle ensued.

"Operatives and the three suspects left by boat and after two hours' ride, the suspects pointed to an island suspected to be a militants' camp after Bonny. But the police team was welcomed with heavy gunshots resulting in exchange of gun-fire. The three suspects took advantage of that and while trying to escape, were hit by

bullets during the shoot out which led to their death", she said.

She revealed that the police team recovered one Ak-47 riddle with 65 RDS, three AK magazines, 284 RDS of general purpose machine gun, one locally-made pistol, one 78 horse power engine boat, one generator saw machine, two axes, three walkie-talkies and charms, among others.

## Woman arrested drug trafficking

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