

Sea Robbers Attack Speedboat, Kill 5-Year-Old Girl In Bayelsa

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Unknown gunmen suspected to be sea robbers attacked a speedboat and shot dead a five-year-old girl in Bayelsa State.

The mother and sibling of the deceased little girl identified as Comfort were on board with six other passengers when the incident occurred.

According to the report, Lovina Isegu, the mother of the deceased and others were travelling from the Swali Market waterfront in Yenagoa, the state capital, to Koluama 1 and 2 in the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of the state when the incident happened on Wednesday.

It was gathered that the pirates opened fire on the speedboat while the driver was trying to meander away after sighting them as they approached Koluama.

The State Chairman, Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), Mr Ogoniba Ipigansi, confirmed the attack, saying the boat driver Mr Okilo Orubiko was also shot.

According to him, Orubiko sustained severe gunshot wounds but managed to navigate the boat and the passengers to Koluama 1 where he was taken for medical treatment.

Ipigansi said, “We are calling on the state and Federal Government to pay serious attention to the security of lives and property of drivers and passengers travelling on the waterways.

“We particularly urge the governments to immediately do something to address the porous security in those areas as lives and property are no longer safe on the waterways.”

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