

tor Olaye, yesterday, were said to have been in need of money to enjoy themselves so de-

preliminary probe confirmed that the kidnap of the boy was masterminded by one Mrs Ke-

some cash and the plan worked out as unsuspecting sympathisers had raised N230,000 for him before the bubble burst.

Corpse Recovered 4 Days After Boat Mishap

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The corpse of the chief engineer of a Lagos based shipping company has been recovered, four days after his involvement in a boat mishap in Calabar.

The victim identified as Chief Abe was the chief engineer in a vessel held hostage by sea pirates in Calabar.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the pirates who came in a speed boat allegedly kid-

napped Abe and the captain from the vessel last Wednesday, and moved them to the land. It was after the company had paid the ransom that they were released.

The duo were driven in the speed boat towards their vessel but unfortunately, the boat capsized.

A friend of Abe who identified himself simply as Joseph, disclosed that the captain was rescued by divers. He said all efforts made to locate the whereabouts of Abe proved abor-

tive until Saturday evening when his corpse was found floating on a river in Calabar.

The news of his death was said to have shocked his colleagues, friends and family members, who described him as a very generous man who had helped so many people in different ways.

A family member, Timi, said he was come to terms with the fact that his brother died in the river because he was a very good swimmer.