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Posted by: Mike Odiegwu, Yenagoa in News 1 day ago

### •Trader's N1.5m stolen

Sea pirates attacked two passenger boats on the waterways of the Niger Delta yesterday.

Three passengers were reportedly killed in one of the attacks that occurred in a community close to Bayelsa and Rivers states.

It was learnt that members of the gang launched their offensive at another commercial boat close to Nembe Town in Nembe Local Government Area, Bayelsa State.

They were said to have attacked the boat and stole valuables, including N1.5million belonging to one of the traders.

The hoodlums also removed the boat's outboard engine.

The boat that was attacked near Rivers State was said to be travelling from Nembe in Bayelsa State to Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

Sources said the bandits shot at the boat, injuring some passengers.

Three of the victims were said to have died on the spot.

The incident occurred at an area popularly called Kilometre 46.

Residents of Nembe raised the alarm on frequent pirate attacks on the waterways.

A senior official of the council appealed to security operatives to live up to their responsibilities.

He said: "The waterways are not safe for legitimate business to thrive.

"We have had many cases of pirate attacks and security operatives should come to our aid."

Police spokesman Alex Akhigbe said the incident occurred outside the state.

Akhigbe, however, said two passengers were killed in the attack at Kilometre 46.

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