

agency, said the gunmen came on a speedboat through the Polako River.

He said: "They came, seized the musician and opened fire in the area. People ran to different directions. Many people were injured."

"Two persons, a male and a female, lay on

known gunmen shot sporadically, killing one Ebikabowei Umbu (M), 37 years.

"They escaped through the Polako River to an unknown place. The Marine Police, Anti-Kidnapping Unit and Operation Pulo Shield are searching for the victim and on the trail of the suspects."

One feared dead in Rivers boat mishap

ONE person was feared dead at the weekend when a speed boat conveying passengers capsized on the Port Harcourt-Okrika waterways.

Besides the dead passenger, several others were reported to have been injured in the boat mishap.

The Vice Chairman of Speed Boat Owners' Association in Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State, Mr Isaac Wakama, said the boat took off from Port Harcourt, the state capital, with over 20 passengers, heading to Okrika, where it capsized.

Wakama said: "Though many of the passengers were rescued, but we cannot account for one person yet."

From Clarice Azuatalam,
Port Harcourt

The union chief, who attributed the accident to boat wrecks on the waterways, regretted that members of his association faced challenges.

He sought government's assistance to overcome the challenges.

Wakama said: "I don't know how the government will assist us because you can see that two or three times I jack up my engine because of the refuse. And the wrecks on the Abuloma waterways are part of the challenges we are facing."

"The government can remove those wrecks. I want the public to speak to the government ...so that they can tell

those living on the waterside to remove those things."

Other members of the association complained about the dearth of life jackets.

They urged the state and local government areas to provide the equipment, adding that even when they manage to buy, "passengers spoil the life jackets and we have to buy new ones every year".

Wakama said: "Somebody is missing from the boat that capsized because of the lack of life jackets. We don't have life jackets. So, the government needs to do something about our waterways. We need the government to clear the waterways because it will also help in creating employment."

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