

Pirates kill two in Bayelsa waterways

GUNMEN, suspected to be pirates, have attacked a passenger boat in Bayelsa State, killing two persons.

It was gathered that the bandits, who struck along the waterways of Brass Local Government Area (LGA), left many passengers critically injured.

A passenger, Saddam,

Mike Odiegwu, Yenagoa

who survived the attack, said the incident happened near the Obama Flow Station, in Okoromo, Nembe Local Government Area.

He said: "One of the deceased is called Pale (male) and he hails from Akipelai community in Oghia LGA, while the second person,

Doris was from Delta State."

He said they died when pirates, after dispossessing the passengers of their valuables, shot sporadically while escaping from the scene.

Gunmen have been laying ambush in the creeks and waterways of the state, killing innocent citizens and security operatives.

On Friday, suspected pirates ambushed an oil barge escorted by security operatives and killed two policemen, an operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and a civilian.

The military has proposed a second phase of Operation Crocodile Smile to calm the waterways.