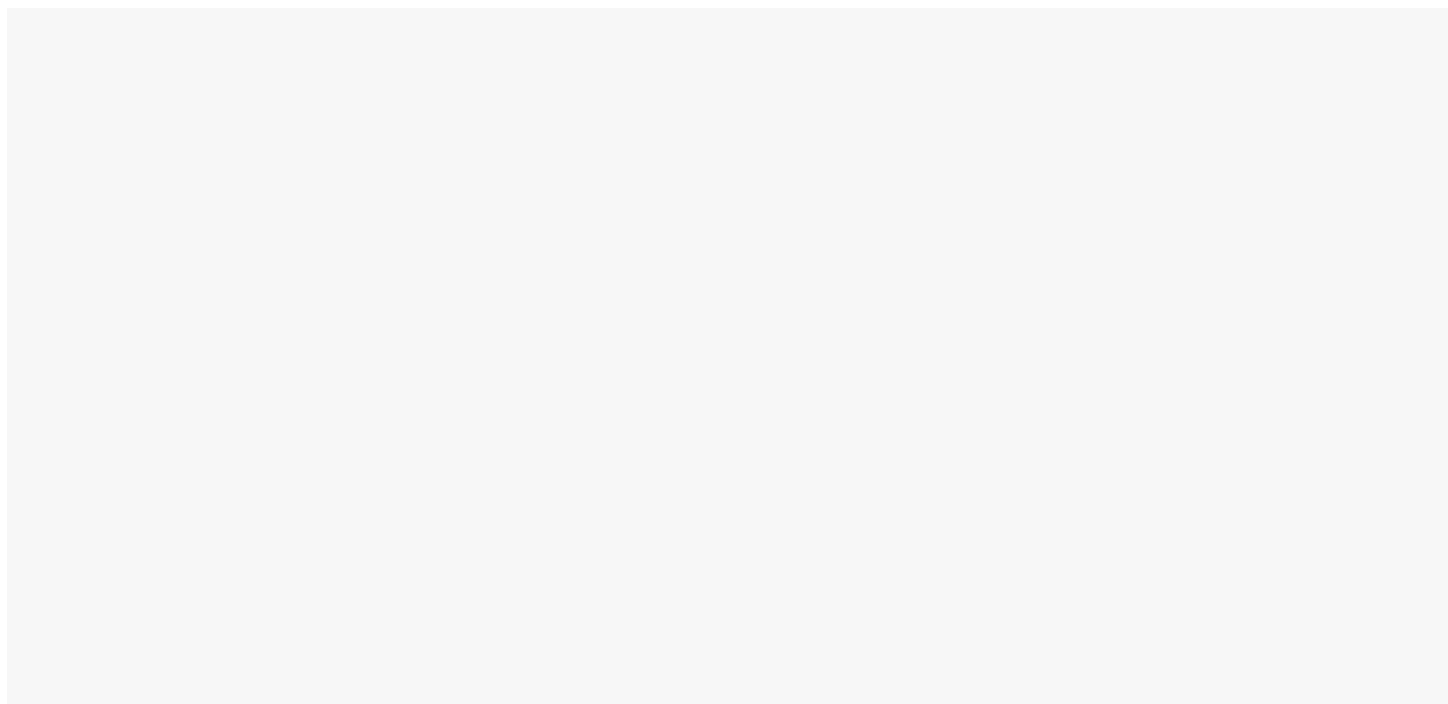


Pirates kill one, injure others in Rivers



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A royal father in Bille Kingdom of Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State, Alabo Bennett Okpokiye-Dokubo, has raised the alarm over incessant attacks by sea pirates on Bille waterways.

Chief Okpokiye-Dokubo, who cried out to reporters in Port Harcourt, the state capital, said the activities of the criminals led to the death of one Abraham Anthony Alex yesterday, while some others sustained different degrees of injury.

He said the criminals, who dressed in Army camouflage, have constantly attacked travellers on the sea, dispossessed them of their belongings and seized the boat they were travelling in, leaving them stranded at the middle of the sea.

Okpokiye-Dokubo said the Kingdom is under the siege of the criminals.

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He said economic activities in the area have been grounded, regretting that businessmen and women, civil servants and students who travelled home over the weekend are still stranded as the movement in and out of the community have been halted.

“Life has become unbearable within the Bille Kingdom by reason of the unprovoked attacks. We are suffering in the hands of pirates,” he lamented.

He called on Governor Nyesom Wike and the Federal Government to urgently put appropriate measures to halt attacks in the area.

Rivers State Police Command spokesman Nnamdi Omoni, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), said the police are not aware of the development but promised to follow it up and ensure they intensify patrol along the area.