

② Soldier, pirate die during gun duel in Delta

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A soldier and a suspected pirate have died following a gun battle between soldiers of Operation Delta Safe (OPDS) and suspected sea pirates in Tuomo, Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State.

The incident reportedly occurred at about 10:30 p.m on Monday.

Sources said the pirates, in a speedboat, drew the first blood by launching an attack on soldiers manning a checkpoint in order to steal their arms and ammunition, but were repelled by the soldiers.

Apart from the pirate and soldier who died during the attack, one of the hoodlums was also reportedly disarmed and arrested.

Although, the authorities of OPDS could not be reached for immediate reaction, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Bright Edafe, confirmed the incident.

Edafe informed **Nigerian Tribune** on Tuesday: "Yes, a soldier died, while one of the pirates was also killed; one locally-made shot-gun was recovered."