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# Four suspected pirates killed in Akwa Ibom shootout with police

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Operatives of the Akwa Ibom State Command have reportedly killed four suspected sea pirates at Iwukpom/Opolum water channel in the Ibeno Local Government Area of the state.

A statement on Sunday by the Police Public Relations Officer, Odiko Macdon, said the pirates were killed in a gun battle with the police, adding that three members of the gang escaped with bullet wounds.

The statement said, “On March 4, 2021, at about 2.30pm, a team of 29 PMF personnel, who were on a special duty at Ibeno, led by ASP Abubakar Yakubu, acting on credible intelligence, while on patrol at Iwukpom/Opolum water channel, accosted a gang of sea pirates numbering about seven, which led to a gun battle.

“In the ensuing melee, four of the sea pirates met their Waterloo, as they fell to the superior firepower of the operatives, while three escaped with bullet wounds.

In a related development, the command said it secured a life imprisonment conviction for one Aniekan Udom, who committed sodomy sometime in 2020.

The convict lured a nine-year-old boy to his apartment and had carnal knowledge of him.

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