

# Pirates kill two Rivers boat passengers, NSCDC denies involvement

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Suspected pirates dressed in the uniform of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps have killed two persons and injured five others at the Agulu Creek in the Asari Toru Local Government Area of Rivers State.

It was gathered that the gunmen, who operated in three 200-horsepower boats, opened fire on the victims around 5pm on Sunday.

The Rivers State Command of the NSCDC said in a statement signed by its spokesman, Michael Oguntuase, that its operatives were not involved in the attack.

The statement read, "This is to inform the general public that the NSCDC has nothing to do with the said attack on innocent victims around 5pm on May 30, 2021.

"The said attack, which led to some persons sustaining severe injuries, one person killed and one still missing at the Angulu-Ama Creek in the Asari Toru LGA of the state, was launched by unknown gunmen, some of who were said to be dressed in suspected NSCDC uniform, in three boats of 200 horsepower, who opened fire on innocent citizens of the area.

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“Contrary to accusations in some quarters that the attackers were civil defence personnel, the command hereby declares that it is not true as it does not own any boat with such engine capacity, neither has it carried out surveillance operations in that area for some time now.

Efforts to contact the spokesman for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, proved abortive as his mobile phone indicated that it was switched off .