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Sea-pirates kill one, injure several others in Delta

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A three-man sea pirate gang has reportedly killed a middle aged man and inflicted machete cuts on several passengers travelling along the Tuomo/Ojobo creek in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State.

The incident occurred between the border towns of Tuomo in Delta and Aleibiri community of Bayelsa State at about 10p.m causing tension amongst early morning travellers.

A source disclosed that the deceased, identified as Mr. Wiki was travelling alongside 12 passengers, saying that when the speed boat sailed in-between Tuomo and Aleibiri communities, they heard gunshots, coming from another speedboat that was trailing them.

Continuing, he said three armed sea-pirates forced their boat to stop mid sea, dispossessed them of money and other valuables and started inflicting machete cuts on their victims. Afesuku said the sea-pirates ended their operation by throwing each passenger overboard.

The source said the deceased, Mr. Wiki, who was returning from Warri where he went to attend Torugbene Elders Forum meeting, could not survive the attack due to the injuries he sustained and he drowned while trying to swim to the shore.

He said, several unsuspecting passengers fell into the hands of the dreaded sea-pirates, adding that the pirates later escaped with two speedboats.

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