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# Pandemonium as gunmen kill 4 policemen in Port Harcourt

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**G**unmen suspected to be sea pirates yesterday shot and killed four marine policemen including an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The incident occurred at about 3pm at a popular waterfront, Abonnema Wharf in the state capital.

The policemen died instantly. It was the first time such an incident happened.

*Daily Sun* learnt that the deceased were on patrol around the Abonnema Wharf when the pirates, who were masked, appeared and opened fire on them.

It was further gathered that one of the five occupants of the patrol boat survived the attack by jumping into the sea and swam to safety.

According to a source at the scene of the incident, the bandits who were about 24 and came in four speed boats, had laid ambush for the unsuspecting marine policemen, who were on a patrol around the wharf and its environs.

He said the incident caused panic around the wharf as people ran helter skelter at the sound of gunshots.

The source said the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) had moved into the area to prevent any recurrence of the incident.

The state Command's Police Public Relations Officer, Ahmad Muhammad, a Deputy Superintendent, confirmed the incident, adding that the information he had was sketchy.