

Pirates Kill 3 on Bonny Route, Injure others

No fewer than three passengers on the Port Harcourt Bonny route were yesterday killed by suspected sea pirates who attacked their boat, killing the driver and two passengers. They thereafter hijacked it and sailed to one of the islands in the creeks. Information available to THISDAY said the gunmen had on sighting the passenger boat, opened fire on them and in the process, two passengers were killed before they aimed at the driver and killed him. A source said, "a passenger boat traveling from the restive Bonny Island to Port Harcourt was attacked by suspected pirates. Two passengers and boat driver were killed. Affected boat and remaining passengers on board taken to unknown location." Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Rita Abbey confirmed the attack and said many were wounded but that those that survived had been rescued, while the dead had been deposited at the mortuary. She pledged the continued protection of lives and properties, adding that people with useful information should volunteer them for utmost effectiveness in crime prevention and control.