

4 killed in Bayelsa pirate attack

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YENAGOA—NO fewer than four persons have been reported killed in Bayelsa State in the wake of renewed pirate attacks.

The tragic attack, described as the third in four weeks after a long lull in reported cases of pirate attacks in the state also left one person

seriously injured.

Vanguard learnt that the incident which is now a source of serious concern to travelers in the predominantly riverine state occurred Tuesday between the Akassa-Brass-Yenagoa route in the East senatorial district.

Sources revealed that twenty-four hours earlier, some unidentified gunmen had attacked passenger

and cargo boats coming from Sangana, Bekebiri and Kongho communities of Akassa and dispossessed the occupants of their valuables.

Environment Rights Action, Field Coordinator in the state, Mr. Alagoa Morris, said, "Travelers are not only apprehensive of the development, their lives are really in danger and need the protection of the government at all levels."