

Pirates kill 2 in Calabar, injure others

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CALABAR—NO fewer than two persons were feared dead in a fight between pirates and staff of an oil company on the Calabar, Cross River and Oron, Akwa Ibom states' waterways.

The incident happened the same day the Cross River State Government pleaded with the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral

Ola Ibrahim to intervene in the incessant attacks of pirates, militants and other criminal elements at the waterways in Bakassi Local Government Area of the state.

The two oil workers, who were reportedly on routine duty to lift oil from offshore, met their untimely death on the high sea, as they were attacked by pirates in a speed boat heading towards the oil installations with empty jerry

cans to scoop crude oil.

It was gathered that the oil workers had attempted to ward-off the hoodlums by raising alarm, beckoning on marine police to intervene.

Pandemonium was said to have broken out when the pirates tried to seize the oil boat and the oil workers who got no help from the marine police abandoned the boat and dove into sea. They were trying to swim for the sea shore.

It was gathered that two of the oil workers, who could not swim, drowned in the sea.

The survivors were later taken to the General Hospital Calabar, where they were admitted.

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BY TONY NYONG

UYO—A primary school pupil in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, has lost his life while two others sustained varying

and knocked down the boy who died immediately. The boy's lifeless body was taken to one Okanna Mortuary in Ndiya Etok on same Ikot Ekpene-Ikono Road. A motorcycle rider, with a passenger who had