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Sea pirates kill MD of Tompolo's firm



By Emma Amaize

WARRI—SUSPECTED sea pirates have killed Captain Romeo Itima, Managing Director of Global West Vessel Specialist Limited, an oil bunkering surveillance company owned by ex-militant leader, Government Ekpemupolo, alias Tompolo.

The company was contracted by the Federal Government to provide security and monitor the nation's coastal waters against oil thieves.

It was gathered that master mariner, Itima, who was in pursuit of oil thieves in Escravos , area of Warri Pilotage District, was killed by suspected sea pirates on Tuesday.

A source told Vanguard, "The team from



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"Itima did not die immediately, as the company's boat was bullet proof, but the pirates shattered the windscreen of the boat, which forced them to make a detour and crashed into stone breaker.

Unfortunately, there was rough tide at that time, which swept away the boat and caused his death," the source said.

The family in a statement by Captain Winifred Itima, said, "His death occurred during an operation against theft of crude oil and criminal sea robbery activities in the Warri Pilotage District."

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We are talking of life here, May the soul of Captain Romeo, Rest in perfect peace though i dont Know him in person, but from source he was a very harworking and Good Man, May God grant you eternal rest and bless those you left behind. Your Kids must benefit from the good work trust me.

Tompolo or no Tompolo, what we need is let the Global West do good job in protecting our coastal waters. For years

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