

perpetuate the act of stealing.

## Pirates murder Captain of passenger boat in Bayelsa

**CAPTAIN** of a boat traveling the Yenagoa to Brass route in Bayelsa State, Sun Ebi, was yesterday said to have been murdered in an attack by armed men suspected to be sea pirates, Bayelsa eyewitness reported.

Reacting to the attack, the Chairman of Brass chapter of the Maritime Workers' Union, Mr Magnus Angel, described the attack as "shocking."

He said the passenger boat was attacked at about 6 p.m. "The boat was traveling from Yenagoa to Brass when the pirates attacked it."

"And in the confusion that ensued, passengers jumped into the water, while the pirates ransacked their belongings. After the pirates left, the passengers resurfaced to continue their trip when they discovered that the captain was missing," Angel stated.

Boat union members and

others entered the river to search for the body.

Meanwhile, sea pirates also attacked another boat along the Ogbolomabiri area of Nembe waterways

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found guilty of the bombing.

Justice Neels Claassen

but no casualty was recorded.

Angel then called on the state government to save the indigenes of the coastal communities of the state from the frequent attacks

by sea pirates.

Bayelsa Police spokesman, Mr Fidelis Odunna, confirmed the report adding that the captain's corpse had been discovered floating on the river.

## Delta Council boss uncovers N6m fraud

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**CHAIRMAN** of Ughelli South Local Government Area Transition committee, Chief Ovis Uto, yesterday said the council has recovered over N6m being paid as salaries to ghost workers by the council.

Uto who disclosed this during a media chat with select journalists in the area, vowed that; "I will fight corruption to a standstill in the council," adding that; "I am here to make a positive change in the lives of

my people and the local government council." On the strategy he adopted to discover the ghost names, he said; "we decided to pay workers by hand instead of paying into their bank

accounts. With that, we were able to discover that some persons who are working somewhere else still have their names on the payroll of the council. Some of them are even in Overseas."

## Pension Fraud: Police declare N

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**THE** Nigeria Police Force yesterday declared wanted, Alhaji Abdulrasheed Maina of the Customs, Immigration and Prisons Pension Office (CIPPO), indicted of large scale fraud in the multi-billion naira Police Pension

fraud for failing to appear before the Senate Joint Committee on the Investigation of Pension Funds.

It will be recalled that the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria had on 13th December, 2012, issued a Warrant of Arrest, mandating the