

5 16 pirates killed, 2 arrested

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AKURE—A bloody shoot-out between some soldiers and suspected pirates at Igbokoda area of Ondo State has led to the death of 16 of the hoodlums.

Three gun boats, arms, ammunition and cutlasses were recovered by the security operatives from the suspects arrested.

Two of their leaders, Akpos Atuwase, 21, and Ikes Omosebi, 32, were also arrested by the soldiers.

Vanguard gathered that the suspected pirates had been terrorizing the people of the oil-rich communities in recent times.

Security operatives, acting on tip-off, ambushed the suspects on the high sea and a shootout reportedly ensued, which lasted for about 30 minutes.

The Police Commissioner, Isaac Eke, said the pirates also operated as armed robbers, who robbed four banks in Owo area of the state last week.