

# ③ A'lbom Police kill 4 suspected pirates, recover speed boat

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**F**OUR gunmen suspected to be pirates have been killed by operatives of the Akwa Ibom State Police Command and arrested one in the Oron Local Government Area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Macdon Odiko, who confirmed this in a statement in Uyo, yesterday, said the policemen acted on credible intelligence report and embarked on sting operation along Ikang creek in Oron to confront the suspected pirates on the waterways.

He said: "Operatives embarked on a sting operation, along Ikang creek,

Oron, where they were confronted by pirates numbering about 32 onboard four speed boats and armed with sophisticated weapons, Tuesday."

Odiko said the suspects on sighting the operatives opened fire on them. During the gun battle, four suspects were killed while others escaped in three speed boats.

He said that the exhibits recovered from the suspects are one W23 boat mounted with a 115HP Yamaha engine, two rifles and six rounds of ammunition.

Similarly, while responding to a distress call at about 2:50 a.m., Operatives of 'D' Division, Itam, mobilised to Church Road where hoodlums were operating on March 28.