

# Suspected Thugs Kill Police Orderly

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A PDP chieftain in Delta State, Chief John Oguma, yesterday morning escaped death when his home at Ovwor in Ughelli North Local Council was invaded by persons suspected to be political thugs. His police orderly was killed by the invaders.

According to Oguma, a close friend of Governor James Ibori, about 20 youths armed with AK 47 assault rifles scaled the fence of his house and made their way into his compound.

He said the criminals came for him but that when they could not locate him, they shot his wife in the leg and began to destroy valu-

able things.

Signs of the attack were everywhere in the house. Dry pools of blood smeared the white floor in different sections of the house, walls riddled with bullets, smashed car windows, and broken glasses were seen around the house.

Four new cars parked in the compound, including a Toyota

Land Cruiser Sport Utility Van (SUV) were destroyed, while all the cars in the compound were riddled with bullet. Some of them had deep machete cuts intended to render them useless.

The PDP chieftain said the attack might not be unconnected with his support for Niger Delta Development

Commission (NDDC) Managing Director, Mr. Emmanuel Aguariavwodo, who is aspiring to rule the state in next year's elections.

Before the attack, he added, some loyalists of another governorship aspirant went round and removed Aguariavwodo's posters and replaced them with those of their favoured aspirant.