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THE spectre of violence currently rocking Bayelsa State continued yesterday (Monday) as the home of the Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Nestor Binabo, was attacked in the early hours of the day. A 22-year-old man, Esanpou Nainar, was reportedly killed during the assault.

The attack on Binabo's country home in Okunbiri Community of Sagbama Local Council is the fourth in the series of attacks on the homes of political office holders in the state.

Last weekend, the maternal home of the Governor, Timipre Sylva, in Okpoma Community, Brass Local Council of the state was attacked and vandalised.

According to the report, yesterday's attackers stormed the Speaker's house located near the waterside of the Okunbiri Community at 12.30a.m. in two speed boats and immediately moved to the building where they detonated dynamites.

In a reaction, Binabo claimed that the current orgy of attacks on the homes of political office holders in the state was a direct fallout from the recent impeachment of the former Deputy Governor, Peremobowei Ebebi.

However, the attackers, who shot sporadically during the invasion, could really not cause much damage as young men from the community resisted them in a rare confrontation at the Okunbiri waterside.

One of the youths, Perekebi Douglas, who is currently recuperating at the Ammasomma General Hospital, was hit by bullet during the attack.

Binabo was Deputy Speaker when Ebebi was impeached. He claimed threats received by the members of the House of Assembly during the impeachment process were reported to the state Commissioner of Police and other relevant agencies in Bayelsa.

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