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Nigeria: Gunmen Bomb Alaibe's Bayelsa Home, Kill Policeman

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Ughelli/ Yenagoa/Ughelli — There was tension in Igbainwari community in Kolokuma/Opokuma Local Government area of Bayelsa State, as unknown gunmen numbering over 20, bombed the home of the Presidential Adviser on Niger Delta Affairs and Coordinator of the Federal Government amnesty

Timi Alaibe, with explosives killing a policeman on guard within the premises

The attack took place around 1 am on Friday.

Other policemen on duty in the area were lucky as they escaped the wrath of the armed

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Middle East Conflict Middle East Peace Middle East Peace Plan The explosion, which woke many residents from their sleep, damaged parts of the main building, guesthouses and valuables worth millions of naira.

Inhabitants of the community ran helter-skelter for safety during the period of the attack that took them unaware.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, even as the reason behind the attack could not be confirmed as at press time.

Security has been beefed up in the community to forestall subsequent attacks.

Identity of the late policeman killed by the gunmen could not be ascertained.

In recent times, there had been attacks on homes of top government officials from the state by unknown gunmen, which led to loss of lives and destruction of property.

The gunmen's attack was coming barely five days after some aggrieved repentant militants from Bayelsa, Rivers and Delta States blocked the Mbiama axis of the East-West road, Rivers State, as they protested over alleged exclusion from the amnesty programme.

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The protest obstructed vehicular traffic in the area for over five hours before operatives of the Joint Military Taskforce (JTF) dislodged the ex-militants from the area

It was gathered that the gunmen stormed the area on Friday with speedboats, shooting sporadically on the air to scare the villagers before dashing into the palatial home of the former managing director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

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In a phone interview, the state Commissioner of Police. Aliyu Musa, confirmed the attack on Alaibe's home, saying one policeman was killed during the invasion.

Musa said properties were destroyed, but the armed youths did not cart away any valuable from the buildings.

The police commissioner said the police had arrested an individual, as investigation continued in the matter.

Efforts to reach Alaibe on phone were not successful, as the calls made by our correspondent were not responded to

Meanwhile, governorship aspirant on the platform of Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), Jude NIGERIA VIDEO FROM AFRICAST TV

Eruke Ukusare, on Thursday night escaped death by a whisker as unknown gunmen bombed his family house in Effurun, Uvwie Local Government area of Delta State.

But his aged mother, Agnes Ukusare 73, and 9-year-old niece, Favour Onajoma, were roasted alive in the blasts, allegedly caused by petrol bomb.

The incident happened at about 10.00 pm on Thursday.

The remains of his mother and granddaughter were discovered on Friday in the morning in the house, which was reduced to ashes

A block of shops bordering the fence of the apartment was

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codebase="http" also completely destroyed, thus throwing owners into mourning and lamentations

The aspirant who narrated the incident to reporters, said he had been having a torrid times with some youths who came to him a few days ago demanding for his campaign posters, among other items.

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According to him, when he did not yield to their demands, the youths threatened to deal decisively with him if he did not back out of the governorship race

Ukusare said the attacks had political undertone because of his affiliation to ACN, adding that with the recent removal of Emmanuel Uduaghan, as the governor, by the Appeal Court, "they feel that our chances are very bright

swLiveConnect "They sent somebody that sells recharge cards over there. The guy made an attempt but could not remove the posters and they left that day. The next day they were back again, wearing a police uniform, because the first time they could not because of the crowd there. so they were scared that if they start removing posters anybody could attack them. The guy in uniform came down himself and forced the posters from the wall, jumped into the car and disappeared. The woman that sells recharge cards ran into the compound to alight everybody about the incident"

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