

The truck was said to have slid down and somersaulted, lying upside down in the river,

as part of it was caving in, exposing motorists to danger.

ASSASSINATION: Gunmen Kill APC Chairmanship Aspirant, Motorcyclist in Benue

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Gunmen believed to be hired thugs have shot and killed a chairmanship aspirant of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ukum local government area of Benue State.

Also, the armed bandits during the attack shot and killed a commercial motorcyclist and injured several others when they attempted to escape from the scene of the ugly incident.

The deceased politician, Hon. Douglas Begha, was a former PDP House of Assembly member for Ukum state constituency. He was killed at about 8pm in his residence at Kundav village of Zaki-Biam town in the state.

It was gathered that the assassins, numbering about three, had come on a motorcycle and stormed the residence of the former PDP

stalwart, and shot him in the presence of his wife and children.

The killing is coming barely months after an elderly son of the deceased APC chairmanship aspirant was declared missing and has not been found till now.

The assistant police public relations officer (PPRO), ASP Mathew Okwu, confirmed the killing yesterday and said that the gunmen also shot and wounded a 12-year-old son of the deceased party man who is now receiving medical attention. He said investigation has commenced.

According to Okwu, "after the gunmen shot the former PDP House of Assembly member, they killed a motorcyclist before they finally escaped. Several others were injured in the process and are being moved to St. Anthony's Catholic Hospital Zaki-Biam for urgent medical treatment."

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