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Gov Sylva ...explosion rocked his terrain

EXPLOSIONS rocked a political rally in Bayelsa State Wednesday, signalling increased violence in the country.

In Jos, a failed attempt at preparing a bomb fell flat. The device blew up in the face of the would-be bomber.

On Tuesday, three people were shot dead in a hospital in Maiduguri by people suspected to be Boko Haram members.

The three victims, including a senior police officer, were killed when members of the Islamic fundamentalist group fired shots at the city's teaching hospital.

The twin-explosions in Bayelsa occurred at the Opolo Secondary School field, a suburb of Yenagoa, during the governorship declaration rally by Bishop Beimo-Spiff.

Beimo-Spiff is one of the 10 governorship aspirants in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Barely 45 minutes into the rally, the bomb, suspected to have been planted, exploded in the crowd.

No death was recorded, according to the police, but some persons were injured. One of them, a woman, Doris Orubra, and her younger brother, Ebikeseye Orubra, were standing close to the spot where the bomb was suspected to be buried.

Doris was injured on her left leg and hand. She also developed hearing problem as a result of the deafening noise that accompanied the explosions. She reportedly lay unconscious before being revived after first aid and her subsequent transfer to an undisclosed hospital.

Commissioner of Police Mr. Musa Aliyu, who confirmed the incident, said the bombs might have been planted by people out to disrupt the rally. He said investigations began immediately. The Bomb Disposal Unit of the Bayelsa Police Command was reportedly co-opted to comb the venue ahead of the event. Operatives of the Joint Military Taskforce (JTF) were immediately drafted to the area after the blasts.

Rufus-Spiff, flanked by his supporters, went ahead to read his speech, saying he was not deterred by the blasts. He vowed not to abandon his ambition, saying politics is not a do-or-die affair. He promised not to engage in politics of violence to get into power. Rufus Spiff said he would transform the state, if elected governor.

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the insecurity is getting out of hand...i hope Dokpesi will not be arrested for this one....



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The anti bomb squad in the Country should be send for intensive training to