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Delta Deputy Speaker's younger brother killed

UNKNOWN gunmen have shot dead the younger brother of the Deputy Speaker of Delta State House of Assembly, Sixtus Ganagana.

Sources said the incident may not be unconnected with the killing of a politician's campaign aide, Paul Atie.

It was gathered that the assassins arrived in a Mercedes Benz 190 car at about 8pm and shot the victim at close range.

From Okunghowa Alwerie, Asaba

Ganagana (31) is survived by his wife and two children.

After leaving Ganagana's home around the Ughelli Township Stadium, the hoodlums were intercepted by the local vigilance group.

In the ensuing gun duel, an assailant and two members

of the group were killed.

The other assailants escaped with bullet wounds after ramming into a stationary Toyota Corolla car.

The victim's brother, Basil, described the killing "as an introduction of a negative phenomenon into the politics of the area."

He said it was meant to

weaken his political base, stressing that he was the target of the assassination.

The Deputy Speaker said he remained committed to the ideals of non-violent politics.

The Ughelli 'A' Divisional Police Officer, Chris Sogbora, said the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had been ordered to investigate the incident.

Police spokesman Charles Muka said investigations had begun.

Oshiomhole accuses soldiers of partisanship

From Osagie Otabor, Benin

san during the polls.

He alleged that a former Chief of Defence Staff had relocated to the state to influence the military to do the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) bidding.

His words: "If the entire process was not aborted, Edo State would have become an

strongly indicated that their operational order was not to give effect to Mr. President's resolve to provide security during the elections.

"The various contingents were deployed to harass ACN leaders and members to pave the way for rigging."

Oshiomhole said as a vice-

the home of Senator Yisa Braimoh, who handed them over to the police.

"Yet in Akoko-Edo, the Army left armed PDP thugs, who were apprehended by the youths and handed over to military patrol teams because they wore the red or yellow arm bands.

"The script has been written out. PDP thugs would be

