

Suspected assassins kill PDP chair in Delta

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Suspected assassins have shot dead the Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Ward 4 (Olomu Ward 1) in Ughelli South Council Area of Delta State, Mr. Paul Onomuakpokpo.

According to reports, the incident occurred about 7pm on Wednesday, along Ogoni Road, near the palace of Ohworode of Olomu Kingdom.

The victim, said to have died on the spot, received bullets from his assailants.

His vehicle, a Toyota Camry, bore bullet marks.

The deceased was reportedly killed on his way from where he had gone to celebrate the Supreme Court victory of Ifeanyi Okowa.

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A source, who claimed to be with the deceased when he left the house, said: "We were on the premises of one of the SA's to the Governor on Youth Development celebrating the victory of the governor at the Supreme Court yesterday.

"The late Onomuakpokpo, who was also the tipper unit chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Worker (NURTW) in Olomu, told us that he was going to collect money from his colleagues, but within a few minutes, we heard this sad news that he had been shot dead."

The source, who was crying on the phone, said it was shocking to receive such news that somebody they had been with a few hours ago had been killed.

"It is difficult to believe this news. It's unbelievable."

The Nation learnt that security agents attached to the Otu-Jeremi Division were seen conveying the body to the mortuary.

The news was said to have caused tension at Olomu community and its environs, as sympathisers alleged that it was assassination.

Delta State Police Command has confirmed the incident.

Commissioner Mr. Hafiz Inuwa said: "It is true. The body has been deposited at a morgue. We are investigating the matter."