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Oyo State governor, Senator Abiola Ajimobi (fourth left); his wife, Florence (third left); Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Mrs Adejoke Adefulure (left); Deputy Governor of Osun State, Mrs Titi Laoye-Tomori (second left); bride's father, Mr Segun Abolarinwa (fifth right); his wife, Deola (fourth right); wife of the governor of Osun State, Mrs Sherifat Aregbesola (third right); wife of the former governor of Ekiti State, Mrs Bisi Fayemi (second right); and Speaker of the Oyo State House of Assembly, Honourable Monsurat Sunmonu (right), at the wedding ceremony of the Personal Assistant to Mrs Ajimobi, Damola Abolarinwa, in Ibadan, on Saturday.

Gunmen kill former LG boss, 10 others in Rivers

DAPOFALADE-PORTHARCOURT

IN what has been said to be politically motivated, gunmen struck in two different areas in Rivers State, killing a former local government chairman, six other members of his family and four others, last Friday.

It was gathered that the former chairman of Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area, simply identified as Christopher, as at the time of going to press and six members of his family were murdered by unknown persons during an invasion of Obrikom/Obor communities in the local council area, on Friday night.

Two other persons were said to have been wounded in the incident, as the gunmen went on a shooting spree at about 7:30 pm in the area.

While a dusk to dawn curfew has been declared by the local caretaker administration of the council, Rivers State Police

Public Relations Officer, Ahmad Muhammad, DSP confirmed the incident.

While stating that the incident happened, the police image-maker, however, said no traditional ruler was killed in the attack as rumoured, and added that he could not confirm the identities of the deceased.

He also said the house of an All Progressives Congress (APC) House of Assembly candidate in the area, Vincent Ogbagu, was set ablaze by the rampaging gunmen.

"At about 19:30 hours of yesterday, some unknown armed men invaded Obrikim/Obor communities and went on a shooting spree, killing nine, injuring two persons and setting ablaze the house of Vincent Ogbagu, an APC House of Assembly candidate. No traditional ruler was among the victims," he said.

The PPRO stated that the police command had commenced a man-hunt for

the bandits and appealed to members of the public to assist in making available credible information to the police to apprehend the fleeing culprits.

In another development, another two persons were

killed by armed men over a land dispute in Aluu community in Ikwerre Local Government Area of the state.

Details of the killings could not be ascertained as at press time.

PDP members, responsible for poll defeat —Senator Pwajok

ISAAC SHOBAYO-JOS

THE Senator representing Plateau North and gubernatorial candidate of PDP in Plateau State, Senator Gyang Pwajok, has blamed PDP members for the failure of the party to retain presidency, saying that it is the orchestration of some PDP members in alliance with other smaller political parties that led to the party's failure.

Speaking with newsmen in Jos, Plateau State, the gubernatorial candidate emphatically stated that despite the defeat of PDP at the presidential election, Plateau still remained the cradle and hub of PDP and that people would vote for

it on April 11.

Pwajok implored the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to discard the use of card readers for the April 11 governorship and state assembly elections.

"Since the card readers failed in the presidential and National Assembly election, there is no basis for it to be used in the next election, and I am appealing to INEC to ensure that eligible voters in the country, especially citizens of Plateau are not disenfranchised as a result of the use of card readers like it did in the last elections by using the manual register for the election."

Senator Pwajok, who

impeachment against the state governor and his deputy, Dr Olusola Eleka, by some All Progressives Congress (APC) lawmakers in the state, describing it as a ploy by the APC to distract the government.

The speaker, who has also petitioned the state's Commissioner of Police and Director of the Department of State Service (DSS), accused the former Speaker of the House, Dr Adewale Omirin, of forgery, impersonation and attempt to cause breach of public peace.

"The House never sat at any time to deliberate or pass any motion for impeachment of Mr Ayodele Fayose," he added.

said INEC should not insist on card readers, said it was inconceivable that President Goodluck Jonathan could wait for so long before he could vote since the card reader in his polling unit failed to recognise his thumb.

According to him, "A lot of people have reacted to the use of card readers based on their convenience. I went to a polling unit where the card reader worked successfully, but I know that the national reality about the device reveals that it is a total failure, and that was why a decision had to be taken midway into the election to discard the use of card readers."