

Gunmen storm Seriake Dickson's home, kill policeman

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GUNMEN suspected to be assassins, on Thursday, attacked the country home of a former governor of Bayelsa State, Honourable Seriake Dickson, at Toru-O-rua Community in Sagbama Local Government Area of the state, killing a police Inspector during an exchange of gunfire with the police.

According to police report, the gunmen, who came in three speedboats through the Forcados River, at about 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, attempted to invade the residence of the former governor, but were repelled by policemen on duty.

In a statement, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Asinim Butswat, explained that "an inspector of Police who sustained gun-

shot injuries resulting from the fierce encounter with the gunmen, later died and his corpse has been deposited at the mortuary."

The statement by the police reads: "The command condoles with the family and relatives of the Inspector of Police who fought gallantly with his team to prevent the gunmen from invading the residence.

"The Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State Com-

mand, Mike Okoli, has visited the scene and appealed to members of the community to remain calm as the command is working assiduously to arrest the perpetrators and bring them to book."

According to community sources, Honourable Dickson and his family members were not in the compound during the attack, as they had been in Abuja and Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capi-

tal, for the past three weeks.

The former governor has, however, condoled the family of the late police officer, the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), the Bayelsa State Commissioner of Police and the entire police team on the death of the officer.

Honourable Dickson said the Commissioner of Police and heads of other security agencies had commenced investigation to unravel those who perpetrated the

crime.

He assured that no stone would be left unturned in a bid to fish out the hoodlums.

Honourable Dickson, therefore, called on his supporters to give relevant information to the police in order to aid their investigation into the crime, just as he urged residents of the state to remain calm and await the outcome of police investigation.