

# Assailants invade PDP chieftain house, kill one

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A leader of the Peoples Democratic Party in Delta State, Chief John Oguma, on Saturday, escaped assassination as 20 gunmen invaded his house located in Uwvoh community in Ughelli, South Local Government Area of the state.

However, his police orderly who attempted to protect his boss was killed by the hoodlums, who also wounded five other policemen during the gun battle.

Oguma's wife was also on a danger list in a private hospital in Ughelli at press time on Sunday due to gunshot injuries she sustained in the encounter.

But seven suspects have been arrested by the police in connection with the incident.

Police sources said supporters of a gubernatorial aspirant on the platform of the PDP in the state (name withheld), were among the suspects in their net.

Oguma, had at a news conference on Saturday identified the politician as the mastermind of his woes.

However, the Area Commander in charge of Delta Central, Mr. Jubril Yakubu, who resided in Oguma's house, also escaped death by a whisker, during the raid.

Suspected assassins invaded Oguma's residence at 2am on Saturday.

It was learnt that the

hoodlums numbering 20 overpowered the policemen attached to Oguma and Yakubu, to take charge of the premises.

Police sources informed our correspondent that Yakubu fled the scene when it became obvious that his men could not match the superior firepower of the marauders.

They reportedly operated in the premises for two hours, frantically combing the area in search of Oguma.

The hoodlums thereafter

vandalised the house and assorted cars parked in the premises when they were convinced that Oguma could not be located.

Oguma, at the news conference, attributed his survival to divine intervention, adding that he could not explain how he escaped from the scene.

Oguma, who declined to render specific accounts of his journey to safety, said he identified six of the gunmen as supporters of a gubernatorial aspirant in the state.

## Security guard kills colleague

**Olalekan Adetayo**

A security guard simply identified as Ekereke is currently in the custody of the Lagos State Police Command for allegedly killing his colleague.

Ekereke, a guard attached to a filling-station at Festac Third Gate, Alakija, on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway, reportedly opened fire on the colleague, Ezekiel Ojulade at about 7am in a yet-to-be ascertained circumstance.

Efforts by sympathisers to save the life of the victim failed as he reportedly died on the way to the hospital.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our

correspondent on the telephone on Sunday.

Ojajuni said the suspect had been arrested and might soon appear in court for murder.

The police spokesman said another twist was introduced to the case when policemen were drafted to the scene to arrest the suspect and deposit the victim's corpse at a mortuary.

He said the policemen arrested another security man (name withheld) who claimed to be a member of the Man 'O' War, but was carrying arms and ammunition at the same filling-station.

Ojajuni said a double barrel gun, one pump action gun, six live cartridges and one expended cartridge was found in the suspect's possession.