

# ① Policeman killed in ambush, deputy gov candidate escapes

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A yet-to-be-identified policeman was shot dead, while the All Progressives Congress deputy governorship candidate in Rivers State, Dr Innocent Barikor, escaped death by a whisker at the GRA area of Port Harcourt on Tuesday.

The incident took place in front of a club in the high-brow city centre.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that Barikor left his office on Tuesday night for a meeting in the area, not knowing that the gunmen were on his trail.

It was learnt that the miscreants aimed at the cop attached to Barikor immediately they sighted the vehicle, killing him on the spot.

The deputy spokesperson for the APC in the state, Darlington Nwauju, who confirmed the incident, said the late operative was Barikor's orderly.

He said, "Yes, he (cop) worked with Barikor. We are calling on the IG to intervene and look into the incessant attacks on members of



• Barikor

our party.

"It is unfortunate that this attack is coming a few days after Dr Barikor was unveiled as the party's deputy governorship candidate."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed that a cop was killed.

"Yes, but it was not an assassination. Actually, a policeman was shot. I think he was the target because they saw him with a rifle.

"Nothing happened to the candidate. We are investigating the incident and the place has been surrounded. If any arrest is made, I will let you know," Iringe-Koko stated.