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Gunmen storm LG chairman Ezekiel Chukwukere's house, killing 5 PDP members, in Imo State

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On **8 April**, gunmen suspected to be hired assassins stormed the country home of Mr. Ezekiel [Chukwukere](#), Chairman of [Nwangele Local Government Area](#) in [Imo State](#), shooting members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who were gathered for a meeting in the house. Chukwukere and four others are feared dead. The incident took place at [Umuagwoke](#), [Amaigbo](#), in Imo State.

Local sources say the meeting, on the eve of the National Assembly (parliamentary) polls, was convened to firm the party's arrangements for the elections the next morning. They say among those killed by the gunmen was a local church leader, identified as [Pastor Jonathan Ibezim](#). Unconfirmed reports also say one of those killed was a woman. Several others were said to have been wounded, either by bullets or in the stampede for safety.

Many in the community believe the attack was an assassination operation, not a robbery incident; but there are no indications of who may have sponsored the assassins and no group has claimed responsibility.

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