

Edo Speaker escapes death, 1 person killed in shooting at PDP rally

The Speaker of the Edo House of Assembly, Marcus Onobun escaped unhurt during shooting by unknown men yesterday at a rally held by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Ewu community, in the Edo Central Senatorial District, leaving one person dead and others injured.

Speaker of the Edo House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Marcus Onobun, who is from the community was quickly evacuated by security detail, along with other PDP leaders.

The dead person was yet to be identified this afternoon.

Confirming the incident, Edo PDP's Campaign Director, Anselm Ojezua, said that many others were injured.

Ojezua said: "Expectedly, the outcome of the kick off of the campaign, which covered wards 1 to 5 of the LGA was indeed successful, as PDP members and supporters of the party came out en masse to show solidarity to all the candidates of PDP.

"With the same high spirit and in view of the success recorded at the kick off, the PDP leaders decided to take the campaign to Wards 7 and 8 in Ewu, but the campaign had a sad occurrence, because while the rally was ongoing in Ward 7, the sound of gunshots was heard some distance away from where the rally was taking place.

"Disturbed by this sound of gunshots, the leaders of the PDP leading the rally, which was supposed to be the final

campaign rally in Esan Central Local Government Area, decided to lead their members and supporters to a safe location in order to avoid injury, and possible damage and loss of lives of leaders and members of the governing party.

Expert tasks facilities managers on environmental sustainability

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An environmental expert, Mrs. Aramide Akin-Bankole, has tasked facilities managers on environmental sustainability in the management of shopping malls.

Akin-Bankole, who spoke in an interview recently, stated that the real estate sector is experiencing a remarkable emphasis with regard to the design and execution of environmentally friendly buildings from construction to its maintenance as a result of recent concern and consciousness in climate change and sustainability.

According to her; "environmental sustainability is the method of selecting the appropriate resources to be used on a project, which will not further damage the environment, enhance the infrastructure, or adversely affect the people involved.

"In order to promote health and well-being respectively, presently and in the future, it is important to protect global ecosystems and conserve natural re-

"The PDP, as a peace-loving political party, which understands the place of the rule of law in a constitutional democracy, has reported the sad and unfortunate occurrence to the police, for a thorough

investigation into the matter.

"We later heard of loss of life in the incident, which has led us, as a party, to put on hold all political campaign rallies, until the police come up with their investigation and findings."

sources," she said.

She stated that environmental sustainability in commercial buildings and spaces are dependent on reducing negative impact on the environment by using

eco-friendly products for cleaning agents, decreased water, energy, and material use such as use of CFC air conditioning system by facilities managers.

Omo-Agege vows to revive Ethiopia Salt, Shrimps companies, others

By Ola James and Gabriel

The once famous Ethiopia Salt which produces one of the best salts in the country and a fishery firm, Shrimps Company both in Oghara town will be revived to boost employment and the economy of Delta State, Senator Ovie Omo-Agege yesterday assured.

Omo-Agege, who is the Governorship Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state, said his administration's economic blueprint encompasses the revamping of moribund industries, including the now abandoned Independent Power

Plant (IPP) in Oghara and other abandoned industries, across the state.

The Deputy President of the Nigerian Senate made the promises Friday, when his ward-to-ward campaign stormed the various wards in Oghara, the hometown of former Governor James Ibori and Mosogar, the hometown of Senator Ighoyota Amori, in the Ethiopia West Local Government Area of the state.

He stated that the now moribund Ethiopia Salt and Shrimps Company which used to be the economy live-wire of Oghara and its environs will be revamped if he emerges governor in the forthcoming governorship election in the state.