

Edo APC Guber Candidate Attacked, Hospitalised, Police Aide Dead, 2 Others Injured



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The candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the September 21 Edo State governorship election Monday Okpebholo has blamed the state government and Edo State Vigilante Network (ESVN) for the death of his security aide who was allegedly killed in a shootout between two opposing thugs yesterday in Benin City.

In a statement, he claimed it was an assassination attempt on him. The statement said: "During the unprovoked brutal attack, three mobile police attached to the security detail of Okpebholo were injured with bullet wounds, while one of the policemen has been declared dead.

"Okpebholo is at this moment admitted to an undisclosed hospital in Benin receiving medical attention, and other members of his entourage who were victims of the brutal attack are in various hospitals in Benin City."

Meanwhile, the Commissioner for Communication and Orientation, Chris Nehikhare, blamed the attack on the immediate past Deputy Governor Philip Shaibu.

He alleged that Shaibu was responsible for the attack in an attempt to enforce a court judgement. The state government warned Shaibu "to desist from this turn of violence in the pretence that he is enforcing a judgement".