

# Politician Killed in Bayelsa

Barely 48 hours to the gubernatorial and House of Assembly elections, Bayelsa State recorded its first politically-motivated casualty with the killing of a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) member at a popular eatery, while relaxing in company of his friends.

The killing forced some politicians to go into hiding, as calls to their cell phones were not going through.

**THISDAY** gathered that the man, Okolari Igo, from Twon Brass, in Brass Local Government area of the state, was killed by a four man gang who accosted him, asking his friends to leave the table before firing him at point blank, and escape. As at the time of this report, it could not be ascertain what may have motivated the killing, as the man is not a candidate in tomorrow's election.

**THISDAY** checks revealed that as the assailants opened fire on the deceased, patrons of the eatery took to their heels. One of them said "we have to run for our dear life when we heard the gun shots, so as not to be the next victim."