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Timi Alaibe

**Six** people were feared **killed** yesterday when unknown **gunmen** attacked the Opokuma (Bayelsa State) **country home** of Timi Alaibe, the former presidential adviser on Amnesty and Bayelsa State gubernatorial aspirant on the platform of the Labour Party.

The **attack** came barely a few hours after a bomb **attack** was launched against him and his supporters at the Port Harcourt Airport, but they narrowly escaped.

The attackers stormed his house while he was holding a meeting with political associates in connection with the planned launch of his governorship campaign. Those **killed** were his supporters and a close relation.

About 16 of the attackers were later arrested by men of the military Joint Task Force in the area while trying to escape in two buses loaded with arms.

It was gathered that the **attack** happened barely a few minutes after the JTF men left **Alaibe's** house and the soldiers had to hurry back to the scene on hearing sounds of gun shots.

Alaibe was billed to flag off his campaign at Kalama yesterday, but threats on his supporters stopped the kick off, a situation, which forced him to shift the meeting to his country home where he was attacked. No group has claimed responsibility for the **attack**.

Speaking to journalists after the **attack**, Alaibe said he suspected that the attackers were sponsored and that the **attack** would not deter him from pursuing his ambition.

He advised his supporters not to be intimidated by the **attack**. Yesterday's **attack** is the second on his **country** home in the last one month.

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