

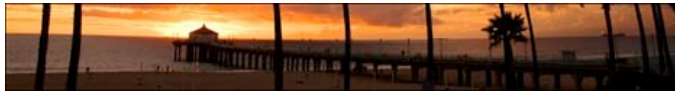
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The governorship candidate of Action Congress of Nigeria in Benue State, Professor Steve Ugbah, at the weekend escaped an attempt on his life by yet-to-be-identified gunmen at Kadarko, along Lafia - Makurdi road.

An ACN supporter in the state, who preferred anonymity, told newsmen that Ugbah was returning from Abuja in a convoy with other ACN chieftains when he ran into the gunmen at Kadarko, a few kilometres to Makurdi, where they attacked and rained bullets on the vehicles.

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It was gathered that while Ugbah escaped by the whiskers, his media consultant, Hon. Charles Ayede, was not as lucky as the gunmen rained bullets on him killing him instantly. A former director general of NITEL, Mr. Adaa Maagba, was also shot in his hand during the attack.

Director General of Ugbah's Campaign Organisation, Professor David Iornem, said in a telephone interview that the ACN governorship candidate narrowly escape death in the gun attack and had to abort his trip to Makurdi and return back to Abuja.

Meanwhile, the remains of Ayede was said to have been deposited at the General Hospital, Lafia, where Maagbe was also said to be receiving medical attention.

Ayede, who was until his death the media consultant to Ugbah, was the first chairman of Nigerian Union of Journalists, Benue State chapter. He had worked with NTA and rose to the position of News Editor before he joined National Orientation Agency and, subsequently, retired as one of the directors of the agency.

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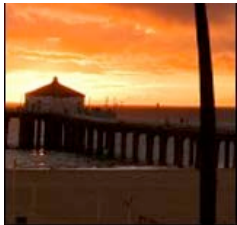
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