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Otti Escapes Assassination, Police Officer Shot Dead

Emmanuel Ugwu in Umuahia

Governorship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in Abia State, Dr Alex Otti Friday said that unknown gunmen invaded his Abuja guest house in the early hours of the day, apparently to assassinate him.

Briefing journalists at his campaign office in Umuahia over the unsavoury incident, the former bank boss said he

escaped assassin's bullet by 24 hours but a policeman on guard duty was shot dead.

He said that in the last seven days he had been staying at the guest house located at Maitama area of Abuja and only left on Thursday for Abia State in order to attend the tribunal sitting in Umuahia. Otti is at the tribunal challenging the outcome of the April 2015 gubernatorial poll in Abia.

According to him, the invading

gunmen struck at about 2am on Friday thinking he was still around, adding that what could have been fate was left for the imagination.

"In the early hours of this morning (Friday) I got information that yet-to-be identified people invaded my guest house in Abuja through the back fence, cut the wire mesh and scaled through the fence and made through to where I stay.

"One of the policemen that

guard the place was shot dead and the body has been deposited in the mortuary, if I had spent the day yesterday there, maybe it would have been a different story now," he lamented.

While pointing out that he was not suspecting anyone or group, Otti recalled that "There have been pockets of attempts on my life but not to this magnitude".

He said that police have stepped in and launched investigation into the incident.

