

PDP bigwig escapes assassins bullets; pastor, one other hit by stray bullets

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BARELY two weeks after Chief John Oguma, a renowned Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chieftain in Delta State, was attacked leaving his police orderly dead, another chieftain of the party and a member of the Interim Management Committee (IMC) of the Delta State Higher Education Project (DSHEP), Chief Joe Omene, Tuesday night, narrowly escaped assassination when about 30 men allegedly armed with sophisticated rifles stormed his house at Mosogar in Ethiopie West local government area of the State.

However, two persons, a commercial motorcycle operator and a pastor were unlucky as they were hit by stray bullets allegedly fired by the suspected assassins.

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tion revealed that the suspected hoodlums scaled the fence of the Chief's residence to gain entrance into the compound where they were said to have shot severally into the air to scare the people of the area away from the scene.

It was also learnt that Omene and his younger brother were in the house for sometime but decided to drive out at about 7:30 p.m. and it was barely 10 minutes after their departure that the assailants attacked apparently unaware that their victim was not around.

Meanwhile, speculation is rife that the attack is politically motivated but this is not yet clear as certain evidence point to the fact that it could be a robbery operation, given that the hoodlums carted away about half a million naira, jewelry and other valuable personal effects belonging to the chief and his wife.