

Gunmen attack Fashola's men, kill one

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LAGOS — UNKNOWN gunmen, Wednesday night, at Bariga area of Lagos, attacked two aides of the gubernatorial candidate of the Action Congress (AC) in Lagos State, Mr Babatunde Fashola.

They are Messrs Ajibola Nola and Rasheed Alamu. Alamu has since died of gunshot wounds. The duo were reported to have left Igbo-Igunu, Bajulaye area for an unknown destination, when at Bariga, their assailants reportedly struck by releasing volleys of bullets into their vehicle before zooming off in an unmarked car.

The late Alamu, who until his death was Head of Mobilisation, Fashola Campaign Group,

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reports said, breathed his last, moments after being rushed to

in anyone ears and no further excuses will be entertained while thousands of lives are lost due to their negligence.

"While we do not in any way encourage pipeline vandalism, or any other form of criminality, it must, however, be said that those on whose shoulders it is to secure these oil facilities must live up to their responsibilities.

"We call on the Federal Government, especially the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other humanitarian agencies to, as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to victims of the inferno, especially those recuperating in the hospitals to serve as succour in their hour of need," he said.

Meanwhile, Senate President, Chief Ken Nnamani, has lamented the killing in Lagos of Mr. Godwin Agbroko, who until his death was the chairman of the Editorial Board of *Thisday* Newspapers. Senator Nnamani in a condolence message issued on his behalf by Mr. Austen Adamu, Special Adviser, Public Communications said the killing "called attention to the need for the police to take urgent steps to guarantee the security of lives and property in the country."

undisclosed hospital, while Ajibola Nola is said to be responding to treatment.

The Public Relations Officer, Fashola Campaign Group, Mrs Morunranti Adams, in a statement said: "Last night (Wednesday) at about 11:45, two of our staff were attacked at Bariga by unidentified gunmen. The victims are Messrs Ajibola Nola, Head of Operations and Rasheed Alamu, Head of Mobilisation and the vehicle in which they were was shot at severally by the gunmen.

"Rasheed Alamu who is about 40 years old, died later while Nola is responding to treatment at an undisclosed hospital. The case has been reported to the police."

Mr Fashola, expressed shock, calling on the police to find the perpetrators and bring them to book. He, however, distanced himself from being speculative, saying the attack "has nothing to do with politics."

Fashola said he had beefed up security around his campaign team and pledged to take care of the bereaved family.

But the Police said, yesterday, they were yet to be brief on the incident by those concerned. They, however, promised to do all within their power to apprehend and bring the perpetrators of the crime to book.

The Command's spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni, said Policemen at Bariga were attracted by sporadic shootings in the area as a result of which an Anti-Robbery team was dispersed to the scene.