

# Two shot dead at Delta PDP meeting

By Austin Ogwuda

**ASABA** — A PDP stakeholders (Delta State) meeting ended on a sour note yesterday

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He said the challenge for the BPE was not in transferring such liabilities to the NELMCO but in ensuring that the funding requirements of the NELMCO was met.

On the readiness of the Bureau to sell PHCN, he said: "Transaction Advisers were engaged in January 2007 with the placement of advertisement in local and international media

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day in Asaba when two persons were shot dead by the police. The tragic incident took place outside the PDP secretariat, Asaba, towards the end of the meeting which was attended by the state deputy governor, Chief Benjamin Elue.

One of the victims was identified as the official driver of a PDP chieftain from Ethiope, Chief Michael Adiotomre. The other was an unidentified person found in his (Adiotomre) 406 Peugeot car with number plate FG 01 T 12 outside the premises.

The State Police command's spokesperson, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, cited mistaken identity. She told reporters in Asaba that earlier in the day the

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command headquarters received a report that a 406 grey colour with covered number plate was used by a robbery gang "to raid Faith in God filling station at Agbor and we sent out messages to policemen to be on the look out."

Okuwobi further said while the PDP stakeholders meeting was on, three persons were found in that car (Adiotomre official car, stressing that

when the occupants were questioned why they did not join others inside for the meeting they shunned police inquisition.

According to her, "when the man sitting at the front seat was asked to get down, all of them resisted and while the officer there ordered that they be searched the man at the front seat took to his heels and had to be stopped." She failed, however, to tell the reporters why the driver was

equally shot dead, but merely said "there was a scuffle."

The PPRO said one AK47 rifle and English double barrel gun with 18 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the car.

Chief Michael Adiotomre dressed in a flowing *agbada* himself was still being held at the state police headquarters Asaba last night.

The killing jolted the PDP leadership. Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Mr. Ovie Omo-Agege and the Political Adviser to the Governor, Mr. Raymous Guanah, were seen at the police headquarters conferring with top police officers. The Commissioner of Police was said to be out of town.

The PDP stakeholders, however, before the incident had passed a resolution pledging support for the candidature of Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan and promised to reconcile the warring interest groups in the state.

## Ijaw leaders petition Obasanjo over Rivers PDP guber primaries

**By Rotimi Ajayi**

**P**OLITICAL leaders of the Ijaw ethnic nationality in Rivers State have petitioned President Olusegun Obasanjo over alleged manipulation of the governorship primaries of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in the

ter with a view to correcting the situations.

"In view of the fact that as an upland man, Odili will soon complete eight years as governor, it is only fair, just and equitable that the next governor of Rivers State should come from the riverine Ijaw