

## Delta Deputy Speaker's driver dies in PDP rally

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**KWALE**—A driver attached to the Deputy Speaker of Delta State House of Assembly, Mr. Jerry Ojugbeli, was, yesterday, killed and two others wounded by canon in Kwale, Ndokwa West Local Government Area, at the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, council elections campaign flag off.

One of the hands of the elder sister of Mr. Ossai Ossai, member representing Ndokwa/Ukwani Federal constituency at the House of Representatives, was also cut off by the cannon shots.



The driver, Ojugbeli, according to sources, was trying to park one of the convoy buses when he was hit by one of the canon that was being shot to herald their arrival.

It was gathered that the man that handled the cannon guns was paralysed by the shots.

Reacting to the incident, Governor Ifeanyi Okowa described Ojugbeli's death as painful and regrettable.

Okowa, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Charles Aniagwu, commiserated with the family of the deceased, the Deputy Speaker, the people of Umusadege, Kwale and Ndokwa nation.

Describing the late Ojugbeli as a diligent man, who approached his work with the seriousness it deserves, Okowa urged his family to take solace in God.

The governor said: “On behalf of the government and people of Delta State I mourn the untimely demise of Mr. Jerry Ojugbeli, whose accidental death was caused by a loose cannon shot at the Ndokwa West PDP Local Government Area election campaign rally.

“He was a dedicated worker and party faithful, whose untimely death is regrettable.”