

# APC Congresses: Tension Rises In Ondo, Benue, Delta



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The All Progressives Congress (APC) ward congresses was characterised by violence, parallel exercises and tough-talk in Ondo, Benue and Delta States.

However, the exercise was peaceful in Kwara and Jigawa States.

Ondo, Benue and Delta have been flashpoints ahead of the congresses as rival camps have been at loggerheads.

## 2 killed in Ondo

The Police in Ondo State said two persons were killed and three others injured during the exercise in the state.

In a statement issued in Akure, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ibukun Odunlami-Jimoh, said the incident occurred in Idanre, within the Idanre Local Government Area.

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Jimoh noted that although no arrests had been made, tactical police teams were deployed to secure the community, protect lives and property, and prevent further unrest.

According to her, the command received a distress call from the Divisional Police Officer in Idanre at about 11:05 a.m. on February 18, reporting violent acts perpetrated by a group of individuals during the ward congress.

She said this prompted a swift response from officers of the command.

The Commissioner of Police, Adebowale Lawal, immediately ordered the deployment of additional tactical units to reinforce security already on the ground.

Lawal later moved to the scene alongside the State Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Oluyemi Ibiloye, leading a combined team of security operatives.

Their timely intervention helped restore peace and order in the affected area.

Jimoh confirmed that five yet-to-be-identified persons were attacked, while a vehicle was set ablaze during the chaos.

Three victims sustained varying degrees of injuries and are currently receiving medical treatment, while two others were confirmed dead at the hospital.

The Commissioner of Police also visited the injured victims to assess their condition and promised the command's continued support.

She added that investigations are ongoing to uncover the circumstances surrounding the attack and to apprehend those responsible.