

ELECTION

Wada emerges winner in Kogi guber poll

•Jonathan salutes him

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Idris Wada of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) polled 300,372 votes to emerge the winner of the Kogi State governorship election held on Saturday.

The returning officer, Shamsideen Amali, returned Wada as the duly elected candidate having satisfied the requirements for the poll.

Abubakar Audu of the ACN secured 159,913 votes to emerge runner up. PDP won overwhelmingly in 18 out of the 21 local government areas in the state while ACN won in the remaining three local councils.

The scores show a difference of 140,459 votes between the PDP that came first and second placed ACN.

ANPP scored 9,642 votes to clinch the third position while CPC came fourth with 5,724

votes. In all, 19 political parties presented candidates for the election.

Kogi is one of the five states where election did not hold in April because of a court judgement that elongated the tenure of the governors. Other states are Adamawa, Bayelsa, Sokoto and Cross River states.

Meanwhile, President Goodluck Jonathan Sunday night congratulated Idris Wada on his victory in Saturday's governorship election in Kogi State.

Ruben Abati, special adviser to the president on media and publicity, in a statement said as Wada and his running mate, Yomi Awoniyi, prepare to assume the mantle of leadership in Kogi, "President Jonathan assures them of the full support and cooperation of the Federal Government in their quest to build on the efforts of their predecessors to develop the state".



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SECURITY

Boko Haram kills six, bombs police stations, robs banks

Gunmen from the radical Muslim sect raided a town in Bauchi State early Sunday morning, bombing police stations and robbing banks in an attack that killed at least six people.

The attack in Azare in Bauchi State mirrored other recent attacks by the sect known as Boko Haram, showing their ability to strike at will. The attack also shows the group remains focused on raising cash for future attacks.

"They came in a large convoy," resident Usman Musa said, adding that the assailants hung a black banner at the entrance of the police station reading 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Great).

Musa said he saw the bodies of a soldier, a policeman and a police employee at a medical centre, where another two policemen were being treated for gunshot wounds.

Another resident, Garba Mohammed, said the assailants bombed two banks and emptied the vaults, making off

with the money.

Mohammed said unexploded bomb canisters littered the grounds and police kept onlookers away while an anti-bomb squad worked to make them safe.

Sect members bombed two police stations in the city and robbed two banks, Bauchi police commissioner, Ikechukwu Aduba, said. One police officer, one soldier and four civilians were killed during the five-hour attack, he said.

"We did not make any arrest,

as investigations are still being carried out," Aduba said.

Aduba blamed Boko Haram for the attack, saying the assault Sunday mirrored attacks its members have carried out in recent weeks.

Boko Haram claimed responsibility for a November 4 attack on Damaturu, Yobe State's capital that killed more than 150 people. The group also claimed the August 24 suicide car bombing of the United Nations building in Abuja that killed 24 people and wounded 116 others.