

Borno: Policeman killed, Boko Haram suspect arrested

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ONE Police Inspector, Elias Dawa was yesterday shot dead on electoral duty in Ummarari ward of the Maiduguri, the Borno state capital by unknown gunmen.

Confirming the incidence, the state Commissioner of Police, Mike Zuokumor in a phone chat said that the gunmen who came on a motorbike opened fire on the inspector, killing him instantly.

The commissioner further stated that the suspects were

trailed to a house where one of them was arrested, adding that investigations are on to arrest the other suspect, whom he said sustained injuries from gunshot.

Meanwhile, in most of the polling units within the Maiduguri Metropolis, voting started as early as 7:30 am and closed before the normal closing hours.

Our correspondent who went round the metropolis reports that the turn out was not as impressive as that of the National Assembly elections due the bomb scare.

A voter, Mallam Isa told our correspondent that

the low turn out could be attributed to the bomb blast threats and that people do not value presidential election as they believe that the president is far from the masses.

As at the time of filing in this report, ANPP was defeated inside Borno Government House polling unit 001 where the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) won with 396 votes, PDP 123, ACN 5 and ANPP 9 votes.

At the Government House 002 the results indicates that CPC got 306 votes, PDP 147, ACN 4 votes, while ANPP scored no votes, preliminary results in most polling units show the CPC is leading.

Ballot box snatchers kill security agent in Delta

By BARRY AGRANIGHI
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THE Delta State Police command, Asaba, yesterday confirmed that the body of a security operative reportedly killed during an exchange of gunfire with ballot box snatchers was yet to be found, although it insisted that the other was only missing.

The officer was one of the security agents detailed to Isoko North Local Government of the state to beef-up security during the recently conducted National Assembly Elections.

Police sources who confirmed that the security agent was yet to be found, said as far as we are concerned, the security personnel was

only missing.

"As far as that incident is concerned, we have not seen anybody who claimed to have seen him being killed or have found the corpse.

So, he is missing and we are searching for him," he said.

Police sources however, said that the search embarked upon by the police had not yielded any result and that neither the officer nor the corpse had been located.

Police source said, a joint team from the Zonal Headquarters, Benin City, had launched a full-scale investigation into the incident.

"We have also involved the marine police in combing the creeks and waterways but all efforts have not yielded any result". As far as the police is

concerned the officer is just missing but when you say he is dead, you have to justify; we are telling you from our point of investigation", he said.

The officer Edward Okoseme was reportedly kidnapped by the ballot box snatchers and driven to a hide-out where he was reportedly killed. The officer was said to have attempted to foil their plan to snatch ballot boxes when he ran into an ambush by the suspected political thugs.

The Police were said to have immediately after the disappearance of the officer launched a man hunt for the suspected party thugs who escaped into the bush.

Investigations by the Delta State Command so far on his whereabouts have yielded no positive result.

Go to court, Lagos REC tells aggrieved parties

By KALU OKWARA

RESIDENT Electoral Commissioner (REC) in Lagos State, Dr. Dolekunle Ogunnmola has advised presidential candidates who faulted the results of yesterday's presidential election in the state to seek redress at the election petition tribunal rather than resorting to violence.

Speaking yesterday after monitoring the presidential election in the State the REC said the election was peaceful and successful, stressing that there was no violence

recorded collaborating his assertion the Lagos state police commissioner, Mr. Suleman Abba said. "I must congratulate the people of Lagos state for their orderliness in the conduct of the presidential election. Their cooperation and support enable us to attain the level of success we recorded in terms of security.

"Before the election, I had assured Lagosians that adequate security arrangements had been made for the smooth running of the presidential election because we had all the equipment and material resources needed to

maintain peace and security".

As at the time of going to press, President Goodluck Jonathan was leading the other candidates.

In St Agnes polling unit in Oyediran Estate, Lagos Mainland Local Government Area, the Peoples Democratic Party polled 92 votes while the Congress for Political Change (CPC) and Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) polled 31 and 18 votes respectively.

According to Kingsley Odewu and Nurun Mohammed respective agents for the PDP and CPC, the election was conducted in a peaceful manner.