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Niger assembly primaries: one dies, party chairman in coma

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Violence that characterised the assembly primaries in Edati local government area of Niger State has claimed the life of one Baba Ability while the local government party chairman is presently lying in coma at the Bida Federal Medical Centre.

The violence which marred a better part of the election process in the area put a temporary halt to the election process. An eye witness told our correspondent yesterday in Minna that eight vehicles were destroyed while two motorcycles were also damaged.

Our source also alleged that trouble started when some party leaders attempted to circumvent the electoral process leading to a protest by the delegates. He said the situation spiralled out of control leading to a free for all.

The police spokesman, Mr Richard Oguiche, confirmed the incident when he told our correspondent that after the results were announced, a rival supporter angry that his principal had lost the election hit the Edati party chairman with a wood on the head.

He said that the action did not go down well with the youths who descended on the supporter, Baba Ability, killing him on the spot. He said the party chairman was rushed to the hospital for medical attention.

"What happened at Edati was unfortunate as a thug threw caution to the wind by taking the laws into his hands after the release of the result, hitting the local government PDP chairman. The action led to youths attacking and killing him on the spot," the police spokesman said.

Available results of the primaries as at the time of filing this report shows that an incumbent was removed while some moved up to other elective positions paving way for new candidates.

Former Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice in the state Adamu Usman won the PDP ticket for Mokwa constituency upstaging Ndakwo while Lavun local government chairman Mr Jacob Majin Gana replaced former speaker Musa Ma'ali and Hajija Jumai Jafaru retained the ticket for Minna house of assembly seat.

Isah Kawu, won the ticket of the party for Bida 1 constituency while Mr Andrew Doma retained his ticket for Shiroro local government area. In Paikoro local government, former chairman of the council, Hon Yusuf Kure also won the PDP ticket.

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