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6 killed as ACN primary turns bloody in Edo

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Six persons were killed in various parts of Edo State yesterday while trying to protect their votes during the ACN primaries which started Wednesday and continued till Thursday. Four persons were said to have been killed in Udo in Orhionmwon Local Government Area, one person in Igarra in Akoko Edo Local Government while one person was also killed in Ovia during the party primary to elect candidates for election into the state House of Assembly, House of Representatives and the Senate. Police Public Relations Officer ASP Ahwara Ejiroro who confirmed the incident said the DPO in the affected areas have been instructed to fish out the culprits. The state chairman of the ACN Chief Thomas Okosun who also confirmed the violence said the election would be cancelled in areas where violence was reported. Trouble started when some party members suspected that the leadership of the party and the state government were bent on rigging the primaries in favour of some National Assembly members who decamped from the PDP to the ACN. Such decampees include, Senator Ehigie Uzamere representing Edo South, Hon Patrick Obahiagbon alias Ogodomigodo of Oredo Federal Constituency and Hon Sampson Osagie of Uhumwode/ Orhionmwon Federal constituency.

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