

coroner investigating the collapse of a building within the church, from proceeding on the inquest.

In an application filed by his counsel, Olalekan Ojo, Joshua asked that the coroner, Mr Oyetade Komolafe, be compelled to suspend further actions on

building under construction collapsed on September 12, 2014 at the premises of SCOAN, in Ikotun-Egbe, killing 116 persons, many of whom were South Africans.

At the resumption of proceedings at the inquest, Ojo

served but had not filed their reply.

Responding, the coroner said it was proper to dispense with the application first before continuing with the taking of evidence from other witnesses. He apologised to the witnesses who were already

and address of the contractor which handled the collapsed building, Hardrock Construction and Engineering Company, to the inquest. Komolafe adjourned further hearing till December 5, 2014.

Four killed in Nasarawa APC primaries

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

Allegations of vote buying and other forms of manipulation stopped party officials from announcing the results the House of Assembly nomination exercise of the APC in Nasarawa State yesterday.

The exercise was marred by large scale violence across the state, with at least four shot dead in Garaku, headquarters of Kokona LGA where

the Kokona-West exercise was held. Many others, according to witnesses, were injured in Garaku and other areas.

Delegates and party electoral committee members were disrupted with gunshots fired while voting was going on, and they fled in different directions.

State police command spokesman, DSP Ugochukwu Theodore confirmed the incident,

but said there was little information at press time to him to make informed comments.

In Lafia, thugs disrupted the exercise, forcing electoral officers to put it off.

Electoral officials arrived headquarters of the 24 state constituencies in time, but voting did not start in most of the areas at about 4pm.

Inquiries showed that party

delegates hesitated to turn out at the polling units on time because they were held back by aspirants who were alleged to have bought them up. Aggrieved aspirants complained that wealthy aspirants were openly buying votes in some areas. Barrister Mohammed Elegu Usman, Legal Adviser of the state APC however denied allegations of manipulation marred the exercise in the state.

