

3 killed in Imo election violence

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The Governorship and State House of Assembly election in Imo state was marred by violence as three persons suspected to be thugs were reportedly shot and killed by soldiers while trying to escape with ballot boxes in Owelle, Onuimo local government area.

At Ilile polling unit in Ohaji/Egbema, Oru east, Onuimo, Oguta local governments there were also incidents of snatching of ballot boxes and election results sheets.

At Mbutu in Aboh Mbaise local government, the SSA media to Governor Rochas Okoroch was battered by security agents and arrested. The election process which earlier in the day commenced with both early arrival of materials, accreditation and voting midway took a different turn with snatching of ballot boxes, sporadic shooting.

Speaking to newsmen shortly after casting his vote at Ogboko, Governor Rochas Okorocha condemned the violence and snatching of boxes in the area.

He expressed confidence on his victory saying that if eventually he lost, it will not be a big deal to congratulate the winner.

