

Membership registration: Benue APC ward chair killed

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The Gboko South Ward Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Benue State, Tersoo Ahu, has been killed after a fight broke out at the venue of the party's ongoing membership registration/revalidation exercise in Gboko.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident happened yesterday in a Gboko hotel during the trainer's training for ad hoc staff expected to carry out the exercise as directed by the APC national secretariat.

Witnesses said the incident also left several party faithful and shortlisted ad

hoc staff on training injured.

It was learnt that while the training was on at a hotel in the GRA of Gboko, a group stormed the venue and demanded to know how the ad hoc staff were selected.

But the situation became chaotic and resulted in a free-for-all during which the chairman was killed.

Our correspondent also gathered that there had been unresolved issues and factions in the party in the Gboko area which might have led to the invasion of the training venue by the group that allegedly suspected moves to scheme it out.

Acting State Publicity Secretary of the

party, James Oringuga, confirmed the killing of the ward chairman, saying, "Mr Tersoo Ahu, APC Ward Chairman for Gboko South was murdered today (Sunday) at the venue of our training for Membership Registration and Revalidation Exercise.

"We strongly condemn this act of violence in our party and we ask security agents to arrest the killers of the party chairman."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue Command, DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation had begun into the matter though no arrest had been made so far.