

5 feared killed as gunmen attack polling units, journalists in Enugu

From Tony Adibe, Enugu

About five persons were feared killed yesterday when gunmen attacked two polling units in Enugu during the local government elections in the state.

It was gathered that the gunmen invaded the polling units at Obeagu Ward III in Enugu South LGA and another polling unit at Akpugo in Nkanu West LGA and disrupted the exercise by destroying electoral materials after chasing away voters.

About five persons were feared killed while some people escaped with matchet cuts and bullet wounds. Two vehicles were also burnt.

A witness, who did not want his name in print, said the gunmen were heard shouting that they had warned that there should no longer be elections in any part of the South East.

The journalists attacked at Obeagu in Enugu South LGA were on their way to

Agbani in Nkanu West LGA.

A reporter with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) was among those attacked.

In some trending videos said to have been recorded during the gunmen's operation, two vehicles are seen burning in different spots within a compound that looks like a polling station.

Also, broken plastic chairs and tables, as well as papers believed to be electoral materials, are seen littering the ground.

A bullet reportedly brushed the mouth of a commercial tricyclist who is seen in the video bleeding and voices are heard asking the victim to calm down as they were making an arrangement to rush him to a hospital at Agbani.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, ASP Daniel Ndukwe, said he would call back was yet to do so at the time of filing this report.

1 killed, others injured during PDP congress in Osun

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

One person has been killed and several others injured during the congress of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Iwo, Osun State.

The congress was held to elect three delegates in each ward across the state that would join the statutory delegates for the primary election of the party to elect its governorship candidate.

Daily Trust learnt that a free-for-all broke out among members of the party

at Ward 14, Oke-Oba 1, Agberire, and one of the persons inflicted with matchet cuts died on the way to the hospital.

The police spokesman in the state, Yemisi Opalola, and his Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) counterpart, Atanda Olabisi, confirmed the attack in separate chats with our correspondent.

Opalola said three persons had been arrested in connection with the crisis, while Olabisi said normalcy had returned to the area.