

.... Seven Feared Killed In Rivers

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SEVEN persons were feared killed and several vehicles burnt during the primaries in Rivers State.

The primaries were marred by violence and irregularities in Tia, Eleme, Ogu-Bolo, Khana, Gokana, Port Harcourt and Obio-Akpor local government areas.

A PDP leader in Eleme disclosed that several youths from the Alesa-Eleme, Ogale-Eleme and Alode-Eleme had stormed Eteo-Eleme, where the Deputy Chief Whip of the House of Assembly Marcus Nle Eji, hails from, presumably, to cause mayhem,

but they were resisted.

In the process, five persons were said to have been killed, while several others were critically injured. Most of the buses used by the invaders were also smashed.

The Guardian was gathered that election did not hold in Eleme Local Government Area, because materials meant for the election were hijacked.

A similar event was re-enacted at Nonwa, in Tai Local Government.

It was learnt that two PDP members in the area were shot dead during a gun battle; an army sergeant was reportedly injured during the fracas that ensued.

Unconfirmed reports also

had it that the vehicle of a Senator from the area was smashed by angry youths belonging to a different political faction.

At Ogu-Bolo, Irate youths were alleged to have engaged themselves in a free for all fight during, which they burnt three vehicles.

Less than 300 meters from the Rivers State Government House's gate, in Port Harcourt, a fierce fight ensued between heavily armed thugs, where over 10 cars were destroyed and several persons severely injured.

However, a swift intervention by the police prevented the fighting from degenerating further.