

# Missing Names, Late Arrival Of Materials Delay Edo Poll

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ers were told to go home on account of their names not

being on the voter register. Many at the polling station agonised that they voted at the same point during the

## ACN Leads Other Parties

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1: ACN 121 votes, PDP 27 votes; Unit 2: ACN 137, PDP 17; Unit 3: ACN 168, PDP 25; Unit 4: ACN 124, PDP 12; Unit 5: ACN 138, PDP 13; Unit 6: ACN 144, PDP 18; Unit 7: ACN 151, PDP 27; Unit 8: ACN 142, PDP 28; Unit 9: ACN 156, PDP 35; and Unit 10: ACN 153, PDP 15 votes. In Oredo Ward 2 (PDP's candidate, Charles Airhiavbere's ward), the ACN has 1,088 votes in six unites while the PDP has 163 votes, with the following unit scores: Unit 28: ACN 220, PDP 43; Unit 4: ACN 107, PDP 19; Unit 23: ACN 96, PDP 17; Unit 19: ACN 189, PDP 23; Unit 15, ACN 136, PDP 23; Unit 20: ACN 360, PDP

38, ANPP 2 votes. The ACN leads in 12 units of Ward 10 of Oredo with 1,804 votes to PDP's 344 votes. The total results of Ward 9 of the same locality put the ACN at 2,800 votes and the PDP at 626 votes. Results from the Edo Central senatorial zone indicated that the ACN is leading in the following areas: In Igubeben local government, the party has won seven of the 10 wards, while it is also leading in Ubijaja, Ohordua, Ewatto, Ugboha and Ewohimi in Esan-South East local government. Besides, the ACN leads in Ward 1 and Ward 11 in Esan West local government area.

2011 general elections, but expressed shock that their names were not on the register. The problem was eventually resolved by INEC and the party agents. There was a similar standoff at Ward 12, Unit 17 located at the precincts of the Ministry of Transport, when voters suspected foul play as they talked of a mysterious list of over 400 voters materialising from INEC. The standoff, which lasted for almost two hours, resulted in voters shouting

slogans, insisting that any voter register to be used must contain the names and pictures of those coming forward to cast their ballots. It took the intervention of Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, and other top shots of INEC, before the vigilant voters agreed to use what an INEC official later described as an addendum register, which was compiled from the manual register simultaneously compiled with the electronic

one. However, *The Guardian* gathered that party agents at the polling unit had to sign an agreement to use the controversial "addendum register." As at 8am, materials were being distributed to the 25 polling units located in Igbesamwan Model Primary School, in Oredo LGA. Similarly, at Asoro Primary School, accreditation had not commenced as at 8:30 am, as voters vented their spleen over the shoddy handling of the

process by INEC. At GRA I Staff Training Centre, Polling Unit 002, former governor of Edo State, John Odigie Oye-gun, was accredited at 9:15am. He later voted at noon. At Esomerie Model Primary School Ihama Road, 74-year-old voter, Stella Ogbeide said she was not fazed by the long wait to be accredited, and cast her vote. At ward 1, Unit 5 in Ehor Local Government, voting was going on peacefully when *The Guardian* visited at about 3pm.

## Jonathan Absent As AU Meeting Opens In Addis Ababa

From Oghogho Obayuwana and Bola Olajuwon, Addis Ababa

**F**OLLOWING protracted criticisms over what many view as frequent foreign trip in the face of acute security challenges, President Goodluck Jonathan is absent at the AU Summit beginning today in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Issues of development and strategies to stem poverty, dis-

the absence of President Jonathan, by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Olugbenga Ashiru. Apart from the technical team, Ashiru is being supported by government functionaries that include the Minister of State for Health, Mohammed Pate, and the Director-General of the Nigerian Institute for International Affairs, Professor

Malaria, and achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Yayi, who made the appeal yesterday at a meeting of AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Action Committee of Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa, also urged the continent not to be complacent following recent successes record against the diseases. There are

Nigeria's position stems from an unwritten convention from the days of the former Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to the effect that the administrative machinery of the body be held by a country outside the main financial contributors. There were precipitate meetings yesterday by the AU Executive Council and the