

## SPOTLIGHT

## AA senatorial candidate in Imo shot dead at APC victory party



Emenike

## WEATHER REPORT

## SOUTHERN STATES:

Partly cloudy to cloudy condition expected in the morning. Localized thunderstorms expected in Akure, Lagos, Ijebu-Ode, Shaki, Oshogbo, Enugu, Awka, Abakiliki, Calabar, Port-Harcourt, Eket, Ikom and Obudu in the afternoon/evening.

## NORTHERN STATES:

Sunny and hazy condition anticipated over this region.

## CENTRAL STATES:

Partly cloudy conditions anticipated with chances of localized thunderstorm over Mambilla Plateau, Lokoja, Makurdi, Jalingo, Ilorin, Lafia and Niger in the afternoon/evening.

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From Collins Osuji, Owerri

**T**HERE was tragedy yesterday evening which has thrown the people of Okigwe Senatorial Zone of Imo State into mourning following the death of Ndubuisi Emenike, the Action Alliance (AA) party candidate in the 2019 senatorial election in the area. An operative of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) shot Emenike. The incident took place at about 5:00p.m. during a victory party for the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate at the rerun election in Okigwe North Federal Constituency held on Saturday.

The security aide was shooting sporadically into the air to celebrate Miriam Onuoha, who was some few hours before, declared winner of the election when he mistakenly

turned the nozzle on his boss. The bullets landed in his abdomen.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had announced the APC candidate, Onuoha, as the winner of the election when the tragedy struck at the APC candidate's house at Umunachi, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the NSCDC officer was attached to the AA senatorial candidate and had escorted him to the victory party. He was shooting consistently into the air and mistakenly shot him, which brought the victory party to an abrupt end, an eye witness told newsmen last night.

The officer, apparently drunk, was immediately disarmed and taken into custody. The victim fell and lost consciousness and was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital, St Joseph's

Hospital, Umunachi, before he was later rushed to the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Owerri, in an ambulance.

It was at the FMC that the renowned philanthropist turned politician was confirmed dead by medical experts who battled to save his life.

Police spokesperson in the state, SP Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed the incident and disclosed that the happy triggered officer is in the command custody, while investigation into the incident has commenced.

He said: "I can confirm the shooting of Ndubuisi Emenike aka Ototonwa. Investigation has commenced. The NSCDC officer (name withheld) who shot him is presently in custody."

Meanwhile, there was no official statement regarding his reported death yet from his family or party. Also the NSCDC command in the state was yet to react.

An NSCDC officer who pleaded not to be mentioned, said: "The incident had been reported to the police. The command would speak on the incident once it had finished gathering the facts of the incident."

As of the time of filing this report, one of the aides of the politician maintained that his principal was still being attended to by doctors and nurses at FMC Owerri.

This happened less than two months, his fellow contender in the 2019 election, Senator Benjamin Uwajumogu, slumped and died while taking his bath at his Abuja residence.