

Gunmen Kill 13 In Rivers

• AP Guber Candidate Demands Cancellation Of Election

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No fewer than 13 persons were killed on Saturday in separate attacks before and during the governorship and House of Assembly polls in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

Seven policemen also died in what seemed a simultaneous attack by unknown gunmen in two police stations within Port Harcourt metropolis.

Governorship candidate of the Accord Party, Bekinbo Soberekon has urged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to cancel the elections in Rivers based on reports of massive rigging across the state.

Soberekon said in an interview that many people would have voted for him except for the hijack of election materials by thugs loyal to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

He alleged that election

materials were hijacked in Ogu-Bolo, Eleme, Etche and

other places and accused security agencies and INEC officials of collaborating to intimidate opposition members and appealed to the electoral body to post a new set of staff to Rivers State to conduct fresh polls.

Police account of the killings however, said gunmen invaded the Mini-Okoro Police Station located few metres from the Artillery Junction about 1 p.m. on

Saturday, shooting indiscriminately and also detonating dynamites.

Witnesses said the gunmen, dressed black and red band across their heads shot six policemen in a confrontation while others fled for safety.

The gunmen reportedly blew up the armoury with dynamites and took possession of the arms and ammunition before freeing some detainees who were locked up in a cell.