

Four Die In Delta LG Poll Fracas

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The local government election in Delta State turned bloody on Saturday, as four persons were reportedly shot dead during inter-party clashes.

No fewer than three persons were shot dead at Ohwarovwon, a Village in Uwheru, Ughelli North Council, while two others sustained serious injuries.

A source said the deceased were allegedly killed during a fracas between PDP and Labour Party in Ughelli Ward 17.

However, further investigation revealed that the PDP lost one person while the Labour Party lost two in the violent clash.

At Ibusa, Oshimili North Council, the driver of a gubernatorial candidate of Action Congress (AC), Peter Okocha, was said to have been shot dead by thugs allegedly loyal to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the area.

It was further gathered that violence broke out when the PDP candidate in the ward, whose name was given as Francis Obireh, and his supporters were celebrating his unopposed return at the election.

However, Labour Party supporters disagreed, alleging that there was no election in the ward.

The deceased were identified as Fredrick Omoyibo, Agrey Useh and Ayoko Ohwroro.

The two injured persons, who are lying critically ill at the Ughelli Central Hospital as at the time of filing this report, were identified as Joseph Okonigbe and Aboni Uleri.