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Nigeria: Three Killed as ACN Primaries Turn Bloody in Edo - Party's Merger Plan With CPC Flops

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Lagos/Benin — Three persons died and nine others were injured on Wednesday and Thursday during the primaries of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) in Edo State.

Two were shot in Udo on Wednesday; one, a woman, was shot in Ward 5 in Akoko Edo Council, where the nine were injured.

A vehicle belonging to the council was burnt.

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Besides, fighting broke out at the state secretariat on Thursday in Benin among members from Ovia North East Council, with another fracas among those from Esan South East regarding the primaries for state and federal legislatures.

Some wards, particularly in Edo Central and Edo North Senatorial Districts, did not receive election materials; so, the primaries could not hold in those places, but results reportedly emerged.

Party leaders allegedly colluded with others in Uhunmwode Council to skew the primaries in favour of their candidates by shutting out other aspirants.

An aspirant in Oredo allegedly gave out N5,000 bribe to each of the party members, and at Eguare Primary School, Ekpoma and Uwenuje Primary School, Irrua, youths scrambled to collect their share.

State ACN Chairman, Thomas Okosun, confirmed the killing of one person in Akoko Edo.

He said inconclusive primaries in places such as Esan Central and Ovia North East will be redone today.

However, hopes that the alliance between the ACN and the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC) would produce a single Presidential ticket have hit the rocks, having failed to agree on which platform the candidate will contest in April.

Both parties have already settled for former Head of State, Muhammadu Buhari as the sole candidate but disagreed on which party to use in the poll.

The last minute attempt they made to shift ground last Wednesday by changing their name to the Action Congress for Progressive Change (ACPC) met with a brick wall at the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

The INEC told their representatives that the request failed to meet the 21-day deadline for the change of name.

This means that the two parties cannot merge and effect a change of name but can still form an alliance and present a Presidential candidate on the platform of one of them, with the other party asking its supporters to vote for him.

The ACN had wanted an outright merger culminating in a new name, but the CPC insisted on retaining its identity because of its widespread appeal in the North.

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The CPC asked the ACN to adopt the CPC. However, ACN countered that the CPC cannot fly in the South at this moment, being a new party.

Besides, ACN leaders reasoned that since the party

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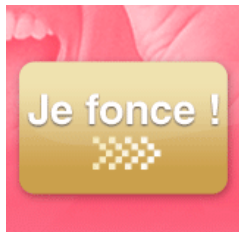
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already controls four states, with representatives in council, state, and federal Assemblies, it would be politically unwise for it to start to campaign with a new name.

The thinking in the ACN is that, as happened in the 2003 vote, a new name would pose a problem for its returning elected members, particularly in the South West, its strongest base.

As things stand, only an agreement to use the name of either party may sway voters away from the Presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Nonetheless, the ACN Presidential candidate will be chosen today in Lagos from among three contenders - former Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Chairman, Nuhu Ribadu; former Sokoto State Governor, Attahiru Bafarawa; and Seidu Malami.

The Screening Committee headed by Ekiti Governor, Kayode Fayemi, had cleared them, using criteria such as educational qualification, vision, integrity, past records, leadership experience, political consistency, contribution to the growth of the party.

Other criteria included international exposure, reputation, public perception, marketability, interpersonal skills, charisma, and familiarity with and commitment to party ideology.

Though some have tipped Ribadu for the ticket, others are jittery that he had stepped on toes when he chaired the EFCC, which could affect his aspiration and cause damage to the ACN.

Bafarawa, former member of the All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP), is politically sound, but not as well known as Ribadu.

He founded the Democratic People's Party (DPP) and became its Presidential candidate in 2007.

As a candidate then, he met with officials of the American State Department in Washington and promised to scrap the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) if elected, describing it as "a conduit of corruption and waste."

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Jonathan Elendu, the Director of Media and Publicity of the Bafarawa Campaign Organisation (BPCO), enthused in an interview that despite plans to adopt Ribadu as consensus candidate, his principal is confident of picking the ticket.

Elendu maintained that nobody can stop Bafarawa, who he said has a good chance.

His words: "We know that if the primaries were to be conducted in a peaceful atmosphere Bafarawa will certainly win and get the ACN ticket.

"But as it is now, we have seen very clearly that they are trying to rig the primaries in favour of a particular aspirant and that is why they are asking the other two to withdraw.

"We got a letter from the party advising our candidate to withdraw from the race. Do you force somebody to step down in a race against his wish?

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