

# Reps Member, Wike's Aide, Others Feared Dead

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votes at about 8:40am, at unit 03 of Ward 02 in Owa-Alero, in Ika North East Local Government Area, Okowa told newsmen that his administration had partnered very well with the people to warrant a renewal of his mandate.

He, however, expressed worries about the threats by a section of the political class to disrupt the process with thugs allegedly imported from neighbouring Edo State.

## Nasarawa Irate Youth Burn Properties Of NASIEC Chairman Over Alleged Snatch Of Ballot

Irate youth in Doma local government area of the state have destroyed properties belonging to Henry Omaku, a former chairman of Doma Local government Area now Chairman Nasarawa State Independent Electoral Commission over alleged ballot box snatching.

Our Correspondent gathered that the incident happened at Kofar Abari Bunu polling unit of Ungwan-Dan

Galadima ward in Doma.

According to an eyewitness, Abdulkadir Maigatari, an agent of Zenith Labour Party, he alleged Omaku came to the polling unit and attempted to induce voters and was resisted.

He said the suspect, whom they identified as a government officer later came back at about 1:30pm when voting was still on and took the ballot box.

Maigatari said the youth in the area gave the ballot snatcher a hot chase forcing him to smash the box and its content on the road and ran into the bush.

Meanwhile, the polling officers had to flee the area for their safety.

Mr Austin Akwe, INEC SPO for the area confirmed the incident to the Sunday INDEPENDENT said it was in corroboration with the party agents.

## Rivers

### Wike's Aide Feared Dead

Another aide to Governor Nyesom Wike and former caretaker committee chair-

person of Andoni local government, Mrs. Emilia Nteh was feared killed by unknown gunmen few hours to the Governorship and House of Assembly elections on Saturday.

Nteh who served on Governor Wike's cabinet as special adviser on gender matters in the state, was said to have been kidnapped by unknown gunmen in her country home at Andoni and was taken to an unknown destination.

When contacted, the police public relations officer, PPRO, DSP, Nnamdi Omoni confirmed that Emilia was kidnapped by "unknown gunmen but we cannot say she has been killed. In the course of repelling the kidnappers, a police officer was shot dead."

Transport Minister, Rotimi Amaechi, confirmed the murder of Emilia Nte shortly after casting his vote in Ubima, Ikwerre LGA, adding that, "Two persons were also killed in my mother's village", Egbeda in Emohua LGA.

Meanwhile, after casting his vote at Unit 7, Ward 9, in Obio/Akpor LGA, Governor

Nyesom Wike said "We hoping that it will continue to be like this. Sometimes voting goes on smoothly, the main thing is at the Counting Centres.

"For now, we are satisfied and confident that we will win this election very well. We are not afraid. We don't know many Local Government areas they can manipulate with reports we are getting even though they are trying to be funny, we shall win.

## Ogun

### EFCC Arrests Assembly Candidates For Vote Buying

There was heavy presence of men of Nigerian Army across Ogun State as they witnessed a peaceful election.

The atmosphere during the electioneering campaign suggested a violent election as supporters of Alliance for the People's Movement, APM and Progressives Congress, clashed at different occasions.

From Ogun Central to Ogun West, soldiers were stationed strategically in numbers at about 500m intervals.