

One Shot Death At Isoko South Constituency 1 Bye-Election

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An unidentified voter was shot dead by suspected thugs during the State House of Assembly by-election for Isoko South Constituency I, Delta State.

An eye witness who did not want his name in print told journalists that the voter was gunned down at about 3.15 pm when armed thugs invaded polling unit 5 of Irri Ward 11 to hijack ballot boxes before security operatives were mobilised to the scene to restore peace.

The eye witness stated further that the gunmen, armed with AK47 riffles, shot intermittently into the air to scare away voters when the victim was hit.

Meanwhile, the by-election commenced in earnest as voting materials were already distributed

by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to most units visited in the local government headquarters, Oleh as at 3 pm on Friday.

The Presiding Officer of Unit 16, Akeredolu Mercy who spoke with our correspondence, however affirmed the early arrival of materials, adding that for the particular unit, accreditation started at exactly 8.30 am though the turnout of voters was still very low as at press time.

While speaking with newsmen at his country in Uro-Irri community after casting his vote at his unit, the Director General of the PDP Campaign Organisation for the Isoko South Constituency 1, State House of Assembly by-election, Sir Constantine Ikpokpo, described the election as very interesting, adding that INEC's performance was exceptional and impressive.