

# Action Congress monitors' field reports

## •How party fared in governorship/ Assembly polls

North-East  
From Chief Monitor Gombe State  
6:30pm

**A**CTION Congress(AC) and All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) governorship candidates addressed a joint press conference earlier in the day, saying that there was no election in Gombe State.

- Areas where there were elections and results favoured AC, ballot boxes were confiscated by the police.

- Governorship candidate for Gombe State, Col. Musa Mohammed confirmed above information at 8.40pm, Saturday 14th April 2007

- No INEC officers in Nafada Local Government Area by 3:00pm in Gombe State

### Adamawa State-6:57pm

- AC governorship candidate, Alhaji Ibrahim Bapetel in the lead from results so far collated with Joel Madaki of the Labour Party coming second.

### Taraba State- at 11.30pm.

- Monitor confirmed that AC has won four House of Assembly seats in Taraba State; two in Jalingo, one in Ibbi and one in Lau.

### North-West

#### Katsina State

- In a joint press conference, the opposition parties other than PDP have protested the yet to be announced results (by 4pm), noting that in several local government areas there were no elections amongst several gross irregularities.

#### Kebbi State

By 6pm Sunday reports have it that a massive public protest was underway against INEC state office on the results announced which the public found unacceptable.

### North-Central

#### Kwara State

(4pm Saturday)

In Kwara North, There were no elections in Shonga ward at all but results were later brought from somewhere else claiming to be of the ward.

In Lafiagi wards 1 & 2 same as above.

Looking at the results compiled, there were variations in governorship and House of Assembly totals. Ballot papers were issued to voters simultaneously which should not give any variations in the total votes.

Also in most areas, it is noticed that some ballot papers counted were having separate ink thumb printing, but black ink was brought by the electoral officers.

### Nasarawa State

(3.28pm)

There were cases of snatched boxes, arrested officials, no elections which led to the delay in the compilation of the results.

### Kogi State

(4.20pm Saturday)

Most of the ballot boxes were snatched away in some of the local government areas which makes the compilation of the result frustrating to the advantage of PDP.

### Benue State

The result of some local government areas were not ready as of 3pm and some of the ballot boxes



•One of the hoodlums, arrested by policemen in Abeokuta...at the weekend

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were missing.

### Plateau State

Everything was going fine in the morning but when the PDP realised they were losing, they snatched some of the ballot boxes and inflated the total number of votes cast for their party.

### South-East

#### Imo State 9:30AM Saturday

From monitors in Njaaba Local Government Areas of Imo State, fake result sheets were provided to the area, the original copies could not be made available by the Independent National Electoral Commission to the Ad-hoc staff at the polling centres. Rather thugs and hoodlums were used to intimidate opponents of the party in power in the state.

Hon. Chidi Obasi, the out going council chairman of the Njaaba Local Government, a member of the PDP was responsible for the victimisation and intimidation of both ordinary voters and opponents.

There were uncontrollable shootings by the Police to scare away the opposition and make sure the ordinary masses do not vote. It was of public knowledge that the area police commander was bought over by the state governor; a jeep was presented to him a day to the election. The police sponsored by the state governor, Chief Achike Udenwa and the council chairman (Chidi Obasi) ran away with the ballot boxes while the election was supposed to be on. An AC member from Isiozi ward was stabbed to death.

INEC officials were bought over, to make way for people who were brought to vote for APGA and the PDP. They were forced to thumbprint based on their instruction.

Similar events took place in other local governments in Orlu zone of Imo State. The PDP leaders and governor were seen

threatening the opposition that their troubles in the governorship election is a minor thing compared with what will happen to them at on coming presidential election. According to them, people should be ready to lose their lives.

**Anambra State:** the opposition parties, Action Congress, DPP ANPP, APGA, FP, PMP, ADC, APS had a press conference on the irregularities and went to INEC to submit the report of their protest. They discovered, that there were over one thousand policemen and eight hundred militarymen fully armed and they were denied access.

**Enugu State:** the opposition parties, AC, Accord Party, Labour and DPP organised a press conference at Veronica Street, GRA Enugu and moved to the INEC office to register their protest but were chased away by the police with teargas and in the process one of the teargas containers smashed the windscreen of Chief Dubem Onyia, the Action Congress governorship candidate.

### Abia State

In Obingwa Local Government Area in Abia South, Isialangwa LGA in Abia Central and Ugonnabo LGA, there were no result sheets.

In Osisioma LGA, ballot boxes were carried away by some people yet to be known.

In Ugwunakpa LGA, the deputy governorship candidate for PDP carried away the ballot boxes.

No election in Ukwu East LGA due to violence.

The areas of PDP candidate (Onyema Ugochukwu) and ANPP candidate in Umuahia people were wounded with gun shots and were hospitalised.

In Aba, the election has been concluded and they are counting votes.

### Imo State (5:50pm) Saturday

No result sheet in Umudim Amakor wards and all the other

wards in Ehime Mbano LGA except in Umudioka and Comprehensive School where Mr Stanford Onyilimba, a PDP member is in control. He moves around with the presiding officers in his car throughout the LGA.

Intimidation of opposition parties by the same Mr Onyilimba.

### Ebonyi State 6:11pm

The AC, ANPP and other political parties arrested a group of men fully armed with weapons working with Mr Dave, a strong PDP member and Shaka Nweze who is the serving PDP chairman of Ohaozara LGA.

Consequently, Dave's petrol station, hotel and house were burnt down.

The chairman's house was also burnt down.

There was heavy presence of military men in Isielu South constituency who were used by the PDP to cart away election materials.

In Okpoto ward, ballot papers were taken to the house of Dr Henry Aloh and other designated places with heavily armed men for thumb printing.

In Okpoto polling units 1 and 2 there was no counting of votes, rather the thumbprinted and the unused ballot papers were taken away by PDP members with armed men.

### Anambra State 6:35pm

Nnewi South and Orumba North LGA INEC offices were burnt down by the angry members of the public.

### Enugu State 7:34 pm

Three days ago all the opposition parties governorship candidates and stakeholders met with resident INEC Commissioner in Enugu State and alleged fear of PDP rigging election, but the INEC commissioner assured them of free and fair election.

Unfortunately today, election materials did not arrive in any place until 12pm.

General Officer Commanding

(GOC) 82 Div in company of Minister of Information Frank Nweke Jnr., Senator Enweremadu, and other commissioners in Enugu arrived the central park, Enugu with the election materials

In a short while the GOC gave order and the military men opened fire all over the place and those materials were taken away to different locations in all the LGAs in the state accompanied by PDP members with the military men.

They took result sheets to all the LGA INEC offices to write the result at about 4:30pm.

All the opposition parties know that the PDP stakeholders were writing results in all the LGAs.

### Imo State 8.25pm

- In Osu LGA, two people were shot dead and several others wounded.

In Owerri Municipal Council, there were uncontrollable shoot out by the police.

In Ikeduru LGA armed policemen came and carted away the ballot boxes.

### Imo State 9 pm

Oru East LGA, 2 AC people killed and ballot boxes carried away.

ADC party thugs killed one and collected the ballot boxes.

In Ikeduru LGA, PDP thugs killed INEC official and collected the ballot boxes.

### Abia State 2:05PM

-In Isiuwuator in Osisioma LGA, there were no ballot papers in most places.

The deputy governor diverted all the INEC materials on their way to polling unit in Obingwa LGA with the help of Bakassi thugs who were in police uniforms.

### Imo State

The state deputy AC chairman was taken hostage and his car was ransacked by thugs dressed in police uniform in a coaster bus.

All the presiding officers were lodged in Nkwere LGA headquarters and were instructed to force people to vote for APGA for governor, and PDP for state House of Assembly.

Governor Achike Udenwa gave out N20 million to the officials in the state, while N5 million was given out by one member of House of Assembly to the thugs wearing police uniform and INEC tags as officials.

They further threatened that Saturday's election i.e presidential will be worse as they will shoot opposition at sight as long as they still have the police and the army.

Agents could not get results since they were not allowed to take part in the counting.

### Ebonyi State

Captain Uhoo, a military officer told the AC state chairman to forget about the election because all the military personnel and policemen present at the poll have been paid to work for PDP.

Mr Obinna Oba the state chairman of PDP was among those that carried the INEC materials away.

ANPP candidate (Ogbonna Onu) and AC candidate were detained and were still held as of Sunday (yesterday) afternoon.