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A mobile policeman on Saturday accidentally shot six children of school age in Offa, Offa Local Government Area of Kwara State, during the local government poll.

The election in Offa, which was said to have been characterised by violence, was cancelled.

Sources said the policeman shot in the direction of the children to scare away some mischief makers, but ended up injuring the children.

The children were taken to the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital (UTH).

It was gathered that one of them is still on the danger list. Others are recuperating.

Two hundred students, who were allegedly hired to perpetrate electoral malpractices, were arrested.

The outgoing Chairman of the council, Segun Olawoyin, said the shoot-out was between the police and thugs of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN).

ACN State Chairman Sunday Fagbemi said: "The Kwara State Independent Electoral Commission (KWASIEC) cannot conduct free, fair and credible election.

"They are all card carrying members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

"There was no election. No polling booth was given more than 200 ballot papers."

KWASIEC Chairman Bashir Oni told reporters in Ilorin, the state capital, that the PDP won 15 of the 16 chairmanship seats.

He said the ACN won two councillorship seats in Afon and Ola wards of Isin and Asa local government councils.

Oni said the election in Offa Local Government Area was cancelled due to a breakdown of law and order.

The election will be re-conducted at a later date.

Of the 180 councillorship wares, the PDP won 178.

PDP won in Asa with 40,623; Baruteen, 79,489; Edu, 31,506; Ekiti, 30,841; Ifelodun, 28,597; Ilorin East, 57,619; and Ilorin West, 57,176. Others are Ilorin South, 24,600; Irepodun, 28,368; Isin, 30,478; Kaiana, 31,413; Oke-Ero, 30,555; Oyun, 31,453; Moro, 48,964; and Patigi, 40,043.



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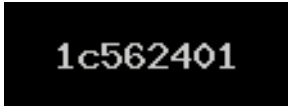
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