

## Two dead as Uduaghan, Omo-Agege camps clash

From Polycarp Orosevwtu, Ughelli

TWO persons died yesterday in Orogun, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, following a clash between the camps of Dr Emmanuel Uduaghan and Chief Ovie Omo-Agege.

Twenty others were injured.

It was gathered that 40 vehicles, including three belonging to the Commissioner for Lands, Survey and Urban Development, Fred Majemite, were destroyed.

A source said the incident occurred at the Orogun Civic Centre where the opposing parties met while canvassing for votes for their candidates.

Majemite said Uduaghan's supporters, who were injured, had been taken to the hospital.

He said the incident occurred after they had a successful outing in Orogun ward two.

Omo-Agege's supporter Chief Friday Akpoyibo said their campaign was disrupted in Orogun, adding that some supporters were beaten up.

## ANPP disowns candidate

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THE National Working Committee of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) has disowned Veronica Bamuza-Mutu as the party's candidate for the rerun. Her name was published last week by the Independent National Electoral Commission's (INEC's) Resident Electoral Commissioner.

In its list, INEC unlawfully omitted the name of Chief Michael Ighofose and replaced him with Veronica Bamuza-Mutu.

The national leadership of the party, through its National Secretary, Lawan Shettima Ali, had written a confirmation letter dated December 31 to INEC Secretary, reaffirming Chief Ighofose as its governorship candidate.

The letter read: "I write to intimate you that the National Working Committee and the National Executive Committee of ANPP at their meetings of December 6 and 8 resolved to participate in the Delta State rerun election scheduled to hold on January 6.

"The meetings resolved to field Michael Aristotle Ighofose and Sir Orlando Chukuma as the party's candidate and running mate.

"The party had at no time substituted Mr. Aristotle Ighofose with Veronica Bamuza-Mutu, who we learnt has been parading herself as the party's candidate."

## Omo-Agege criticises opponents

REPUBLICAN Party of Nigeria (RPN) candidate Ovie Omo-Agege yesterday condemned the campaign of calumny against his person.