

Three killed over Cross River PDP ward congresses

• Police: one person killed

THREE persons have been reportedly killed in Odukpani Local Government Area of Cross River State in the rescheduled ward congresses of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

An indigene of Akpap Okoyong, Ekpenyong Akiba Ekpeyong, who was to contest the elections, told reporters yesterday in Calabar, the state capital, that the congresses did not hold in his area.

According to him, supporters of Senator Bassey Otu, like himself, were hunted by the thugs of rival aspirants.

He said three people were killed yesterday.

Ekpeyong said: "I am a con-

From Nicholas Kalu, Calabar

testant as a delegate. My form was bought in Abuja. But I want to tell you that there were no congresses at all in Okoyong. We did not even see the materials. What happened was that people suspected to be hired killers and thugs were hunting us down because we are Prince Otu's supporters.

"So far, three people, who were loyalists of Prince Otu, have been killed. One of them, Effiom Ayi, was stabbed to death by the thugs. He bled to death. They knew those of us who are Otu's

supporters. They were armed with guns and sundry weapons and started shooting when they saw Otu's supporters. So many people sustained gunshot wounds.

"The second person who died was the matron of the General Hospital in Creek Town. She was the wife of one of the coordinators of Otu - Akom Asuquo Ayi. She was coming back from work when she was told that they were hunting her husband's people. She got down from the bike and before we knew it, a Dyna truck from behind knocked her down and she died on the spot. We want to

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