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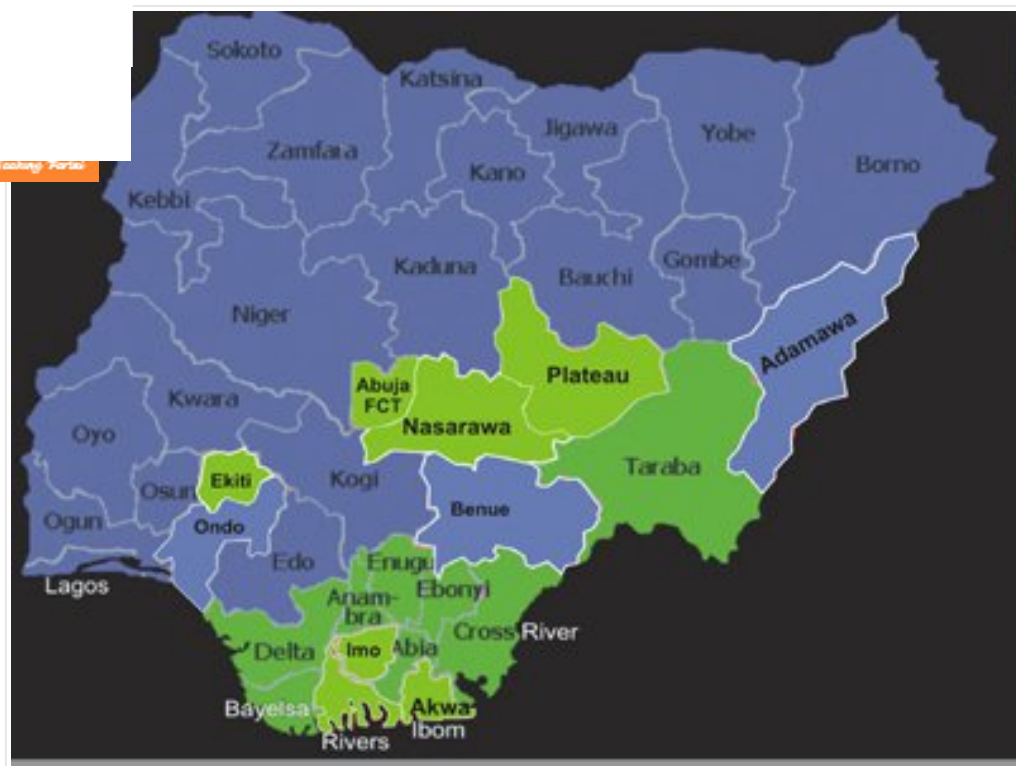
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Five feared dead in Akwa Ibom, three in Rivers, two in C/River

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TRAGEDY struck yesterday as five persons were feared dead in Akwa Ibom, three were killed in separate incidents in **Buguma**, Asari Toru local government area of Rivers State while two others died in Cross River during the governorship and state house of assembly elections.

In Akwa Ibom, the killing occurred at Mbiabong Etoi, Shelter Afrique (Uyo); Ndiya in Nsit Ubium; Etim Ekpo, and Ini local government areas of the state.

As at the time of filing this report, the whereabouts of a reporter with one of the local tabloids, Radar newspaper, Mr. Aniedi Ukpoenang, was still unknown.

According to sources, Ukpoenang was said to have been

abducted by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) thugs at Ekpeyong Ufum village, Odoro Ikot clan in Essien Udim LGA.

The Assistant Inspector General of Police, Baba Adisa Bolanta, could not confirm your killings but promised to call the Commissioner of Police in charge of Akwa Ibom State, Gabriel Achong, for confirmation.

Bolanta said: "I am not aware that five persons have been killed. Let me call the CP to find out."

The three deaths were recorded in Rivers, despite the claim by the State Police Command that it deployed about 17,000 police officers across the state for the election.

It was not possible to establish the identities of those who were killed, but it was gathered that one was a National Youth Service Corps member while the other one, perhaps an indigene of the place was beheaded.

They were killed by suspected thugs while the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and the house of one government official were burnt.

A man was also reportedly killed in Omagwa in Ikwerre LGA.

There was voter apathy in some areas, especially in Diobu axis of Port Harcourt.

Trouble also broke out in some communities in Gokana LGA like Bumu and Beera, where a team of heavily armed policemen rushed to quell before accreditation started in the area.

The state governor, Rotimi Amaechi, who voted at about 2.30 pm in his Ward 2, Unit 14 in Umuigwe, Ubima, Ikwerre LGA described yesterday's elections in Rivers State as a sham, alleging that INEC and security operatives worked in favour of the Peoples Democratic Party, (PDP) to the detriment of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Amaechi said: "At least we have seen some result sheets. I hope they have not stolen the collation result sheet at INEC. All