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How gunmen shot and killed voters at a polling booth during elections

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The Governorship and State Assembly election has come and gone, leaving behind blood and tears which many families of the victims may not forget for a longtime to come.

For the Asom family in Ugundu district, Logo local Government area, in Benue north – east senatorial district life will never be the again as three (3) of their brothers Chiahemba Atim, Mdooter Aondoaver and Terhemen Orkurga where shot and killed at NKST Asom polling unit by suspected thugs belonging to a political party.

Narrating the unfortunate incident exclusively to The Nation at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) , where those who sustained serious injuries were being treated , The Director – General Ortom/ Abouno Campaign ,Professor Steven Ugba, told The Nation the gun men came in Toyota Corolla and open fire on voters at the polling unit when it was clear that result sheet have been taken away.

According to Professor Ugba, who was the governorship candidate on the platform of the defunct Action Congress of Nigeria(ACN) , shortly after voting and result collated ,which All Progress Congress (APC) won with a wide margin, gunshot were heard in one direction .

Professor Ugba stated further ,after the gun shot which rented the air for more than 10 minutes ,Independent National Electoral Commission(INEC) officer became reluctant to leave for the local government collection center in Ugba, head quarters of Logo local government area.

" INEC officials who conducted the election became scar and moved their materials into a compound in Asom village, just few Meters away from the polling unit for safety .

At this time one of the agent of a political a party suggested that he will go and get a vehicle to convey officials of INEC and their materials to the collation center.

Professor Ugba said shortly after the party agent left a Toyota Corolla vehicle with gun wielding five young

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me drove to the compound and immediately they aligned from the vehicle they open fire on the people and killed three at a spot .

They also shot and wounded six persons who are members of same Asom family in Ugondo district.

Those who seriously suspend gun shot wounds are now on admission at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) at Apir ,in Makurdi are Iorvenda Orachii,Saater Gbuwo,Kertorga Naian, Imoter Asom,Ushafa Tyovenda and Baaku Terver.

Some people who witness the shooting and killings ran helper- skelter , there was confusion in the entire community.

The gun men when they discovered that they missed their real target which was the result sheet which APC won and has been sneak outvoted to the collation center! they jump back into their vehicles and drove away at a neck breaking speed.

Professor Ugba stated that the matter has been reported to the police station appealed to the police to go all out and arrest the perpetrators of the dastardly act as election is not war.

APC Governor elect Chief Samuel Ortom who visited the victims at the hospital bed told The Nation that he would ensured that Justice is done to both the victims and the dead .

Chief Ortom condemned the attacked on innocent voters who cam our to excise their franchise .

The Police Public Relation Officer(PPRO) Amechi Ezeani, a DSP confirmed the incident and said police have lunched investigations into the incident and very soon the perpetrators would brought to book.

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