

Bandits kill three delegates as more PDP governorship candidates emerge

By Our Reporters

MORE candidates emerged yesterday in the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship primaries where the exercise could not be concluded on Wednesday.

But it was a sad day in Niger State where suspected bandits killed three delegates from Mariga Local Government Area.

They were part of 13 delegates from the area who had to return to obtain their means of identification as demanded by the aspirants.

It was gathered that the victims, including two women, were killed in an ambush.

Chairman of PDP electoral committee and Bayelsa State Deputy Governor, Lawrence Ewruhjakpo, broke the news when Mariga delegates were called to cast their votes.

He urged the people to observe a minute of silence for the deceased.

The primary was postponed after aspirants insisted that the delegates must produce a valid ID along with their PDP membership cards, with many of them having to return home to get them.

The deceased aspirants were replaced with other delegates from Mariga.

Former Niger Commissioner for Local government, Alhaji Isah Liman Kantigi, won the primary with 667 votes.

Sani Kutigi got 114 votes, while Isah Jankara got 21 votes.

Kano

Mohammed, son of late Head of State, General Sani Abacha, won the ticket in Kano with 736 votes to beat Jafar Sani-Bello, who scored 710 votes.

While the primary that produced Abacha was conducted at the state party headquarters on Lugard Avenue, Kano, another parallel primary was held at the Sani Abacha Youth Center of the state capital.

Those who participated in the parallel primaries include Yunusa Dangwani, Yusuf Dambatta, Muaz Magaji, Ibrahim Ali-Amin, Sadiq Wali and Mustapha Getso.

Kwara

Shuaib Yahman Abdullahi, who recently dumped the All Progressives Party (APC), on Wednesday night picked the governorship ticket in Kwara.

He beat a former House of Representatives member Bahago Ahman-Pategi and immediate-past ambassador to Japan, Prof. Yisa Gana.

Abdullahi lost the governorship ticket of the APC to Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq in 2019.

Abdullahi polled 518 of the total 574 votes cast at the election.

Kebbi

General Aminu Bande (rtd) won the PDP primary in Ke-

bbi State.

He beat four other aspirants, polling 471 votes. Alhaji Ibrahim Manga scored 121, while Alhaji Buhari Bala polled 43.

Former Sports minister, Alhaji Samaila Sambawa, got 41 votes. The fifth aspirant, Alhaji Haruna Ibrahim, got 22 votes.

Plateau

A former chairman of Mangungu LGA, Caleb Mutfwang, won the primary with 252 votes.

He defeated 18 other aspirants to clinch the ticket.

Four other aspirants stepped down just before the election started.

Kaduna

A former PDP governorship candidate in Kaduna, Isa Mohammed Ashiru, defeated five other contestants, including a former governor, Muktar Ramalan Yero and Senator Shehu Sani.

Ashiru polled 414 votes, Sani Sidi got 260, Muktar Ramalan Yero polled 28 votes, Sani Abbas polled 15 votes, Haruna Sa'eed got 11 votes and Senator Sani scored two votes.

Senator Sani said over 300 delegates claimed they voted for him.

"Two delegates voted for me without paying them a kobo; but I have received over 300 calls from different delegates claiming they were the two who voted for me and want to come and see me... See me see wahala abeg," he tweeted.

Jigawa

Alhaji Mustapha Sule Lamido, son of former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sule Lamido, emerged PDP flag bearer in Jigawa State.

Zamfara

In Zamfara, Dauda Lawa, won with 431 votes, beating Dr Ibrahim Shehu, who scored five votes, and Wadatau Madawaki, who scored three.

Three aspirants - Alhaji Abubakar Nakwada, Alhaji Wadatau Madawaki and Dr Ibrahim Shehu - withdrew from the race, citing irregularities.

Cross River

Senator Sandy Onor, who represents Cross River Central Senatorial District, won the primary with 236 votes.

He defeated Senator Gershon Bassey (175), Daniel Asuquo (147), Arthur Jarvis Archibong (six), Nkoyo Toyo (four), Delia Henshaw (two) and Ima-Nsa (one).

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