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APC consolidates senate majority with two more wins

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The Police in Adamawa State arrested six people said to have tried to hack into the BVAS deployed by INEC for the governorship election in the state.

The suspects were arrested in Bolka, a community in Numan Local Government.

Voter turnout was high in Sokoto and Zamfara States but poor in Ebonyi, Rivers and Ido.

Borno, according to the Returning Officer for Yobe South, Abacha Melema, polled 69,596 votes to defeat PDP's Halilu Mazagane, who got 68,865 votes.

The commission also returned Diket Pung as winner of the Plateau Central Senatorial election with 131,129 votes ahead of Yohanna Gorum of the PDP, who got 127,022 votes, and Geba Pwll of the Labour Party (LP) who polled 36,510.

Buni congratulates Borno for PDP kicks

Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni sent a congratulatory message to the APC and Borno moments after the announcement of the result yesterday.

Buni described the victory as an additional value to the incoming APC national government.

He was optimistic that the Senator would "always lend his support to legislations on policies and programmes of the Federal Government."

"We are also optimistic the lawmaker would bring his experience to bear and continue to work towards improving the lives of his constituents," Buni said.

He urged the people of Zone 8 to continue supporting the lawmaker for more dividends of democracy.

However, Borno's opponent in the election, Halilu Mazagane, rejected the result of the election.

He said INEC ought not to have declared Borno winner since he (Mazagane) had already commenced the process of contesting the conduct of the election in court.

"I approached the tribunal and I was given leave to inspect all electoral materials," he said.

He added: "The process has begun and I was clearly in the lead after recounting in Potiskum Local Government."

"For us to wake up today and INEC to declare Borno as winner is a most shocking to me and I cannot accept that result."

Reps majority leader Dogwara wins Tudun Wada/Dogwara seat in Kano

The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, Alhassan Ado Dogwara, yesterday declared the winner of the Tudun Wada/Dogwara Constituency seat in Kano State.

Dogwara emerged victorious in the supplementary election that was held in the area.

Announcing the result, the returning officer for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Idris Ibrahim, said the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate scored 61,371 votes to beat his closest opponent and candidate of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), Yusuf Salisu, who scored 34,360 votes and the candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), who scored 221.

A breakdown of the voter register showed that 227,912 persons were registered for the election while 81,932 were ac-

counted.

However, the total number of votes cast was 79,705, with 79,705 valid votes and 917 rejected.

Akande-Sadipe wins Oluyole for APC, Igboworin secures Ibadan South East/North East for PDP

Tolulope Akande-Sadipe of the APC won her reelection into the House of Representatives from Oluyole in Oyo State.

She was declared winner by the Returning Officer, Prof. Jacob Oluyole, at the end of the supplementary election held in two polling units in the constituency.

According to him, Akande-Sadipe scored 14,891 to defeat her closest rival, Mr. Abdul-Moqadim Mawazibola of PDP, who scored 13,075.

Representative Abasi Agboronin of the PDP is also returning to the House after winning a fresh mandate from voters in Ibadan South-East/North-East Federal Constituency of Oyo State.

Agboronin was declared elected after he polled 28,111 votes to win the supplementary election.

The INEC Returning Officer, Prof. Benjamin Olley of the University of Ibadan, announced Agboronin as the winner at the ancient Mapo Hall Collation Centre in Ibadan.

Agboronin defeated Adesola Lami-Adesina, son of the late former Governor, Lami-Adesina of the APC, who polled 27,339 votes.

Other results ready at press time were those of New Nigerian Peoples Party's Mohammed Bello Shenu who won the Fagga Federal Constituency in Kano State, Ogun State House of Assembly Speaker Oluwalan Oluwalan who was returned from the 1st Constituency and APC's Abiodun Fawehinmi from Ido/Ota Constituency 1, Ekiti State.

Shenu defeated the serving member House of Representatives, Aminu Salami Goro of the APC.

Goro has spent three terms in the Green Chamber.

Announcing the result of the recent yesterday, the Returning Officer, Ibrahim Buni, said Shenu got 19,124 votes, followed by the candidate of the Labour Party, Saifullah Abubakar, who polled 12,779 votes of the total vote cast. Goro came third with 3,669 votes.

In his own case, Oluwalan polled 7,546 votes to defeat Yusuf Olayode of the PDP who got 4,534 votes.

INEC Commissioner in Borno State, Prof. Ayikachi Salami, said President polled 6,764 votes to defeat the Social Democratic Party candidate, Maryona Farhatuna, who had 4,204 votes and Ayikachi Awanya of PDP who secured 422 votes.

The NEC invited all election stakeholders and people of Borno State for the peaceful conduct of the election.

Six feared killed in Akwa Ibom election violence

The deaths in Akwa Ibom resulted from confusion allegedly fanned by those who were not supposed to be in the area during election materials and the disruption of the process.

A traditional meeting between community leaders and the state governor, Sir Godwin Otu, yesterday, was held to discuss the situation and the role of the state government in the process.

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The Ikono/Ini election was between the incumbent House of Representatives member, Mr. Emmanuel Ukpogor Ukpogor of the Young Peoples Party (YPP) ticket and a former Commissioner, Glory Edeh, of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The YPP candidate was leading his opponent from the PDP with a margin of 4,161 votes while APC's Clement Jumbo was ahead of the incumbent lawmaker, Amikhan Umarah, with 2,962 votes in the Akwa/Ini Federal Constituency, at press time.

Edeh accused the YPP of using violence to win the election.

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"So, I know from them that we were in for a tough time. I know from them that we were in for a tough time. I know from them that we were in for a tough time."

The PDP added: "I received reports from the Collation Officers that were supposed to take the result in the area that election did not hold."

"The whole exercise in these 17 polling units was marred by violence as materials were either hijacked, disrupted, or people were being chased, among other things of that nature."

From the Collation Officers in the field who were supposed to collate, they all came back and had written reports, and the result sheets they were supposed to fill are all here. Apparently, there was no election in Ikono/Ini.

In the other constituency of Akwa/Ini, Edeh/Ini Federal Constituency, I am still expecting to hear from them, but I believe at this point there will be a result. Perhaps, in the next couple of hours, the result will be declared."

The NEC said the commission would take a decision on the matter after a meeting in Abuja.

Suspected ballot box snatcher shot dead in Kebbi

The suspect was said to have been involved in the Bayelsa polling unit, claiming to be a security guard.

He then allegedly attempted to snatch a ballot box from the polling unit.

He was quickly pursued down by the police.

According to Agboronin, the suspect was shot dead by the police.

Residents of Adamawa State were told to remain calm and peaceful during the supplementary election.

The election took place in 69 units across 20 local government areas where votes were cancelled during the main polls last month.

Voter turnout in Jambura ward unit 007, Ayga ward unit 001 and 002 in Yola North LGA was massive yesterday.

It was equally high in Makina Ward 4, 002 and Kofa Buni Jala 001 in Yola South LGA and other places.

The supplementary election took place in Damboa 1, Garma 1, Gama 3, Gama 1, Gama 2, Hama 5, Jala 1, Lamurda 3, Madagala 1, Madina 1, Mayo Bawa 1, Madina 2, Madina 3, Madina 4, Madina 5, Madina 6, Madina 7, Madina 8, Madina 9, Madina 10, Madina 11, Madina 12, Madina 13, Madina 14, Madina 15, Madina 16, Madina 17, Madina 18, Madina 19, Madina 20, Madina 21, Madina 22, Madina 23, Madina 24, Madina 25, Madina 26, Madina 27, Madina 28, Madina 29, Madina 30, Madina 31, Madina 32, Madina 33, Madina 34, Madina 35, Madina 36, Madina 37, Madina 38, Madina 39, Madina 40, Madina 41, Madina 42, Madina 43, Madina 44, Madina 45, Madina 46, Madina 47, Madina 48, Madina 49, Madina 50, Madina 51, Madina 52, Madina 53, Madina 54, Madina 55, Madina 56, Madina 57, Madina 58, Madina 59, Madina 60, Madina 61, Madina 62, Madina 63, Madina 64, Madina 65, Madina 66, Madina 67, Madina 68, Madina 69, Madina 70, Madina 71, Madina 72, Madina 73, Madina 74, Madina 75, Madina 76, Madina 77, Madina 78, Madina 79, 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