

number of violent incidents, the most affected being Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Ebonyi and Ondo states.

"INEC's records show that there were 66 reports of violent incidents targeted at polling units, the commission's officials, voters and election materials," it said.

A breakdown of the incidents showed that 16 incidents were recorded in Rivers, eight in Ondo, six each from Cross River and Ebonyi, as well as one each in Katsina, Plateau, Kogi, Abia, Imo, Kano and Ogun.

It also stated that five violent incidents were recorded in Akwa Ibom, four in Bayelsa, three each in Lagos and Kaduna, as well as two each in Jigawa, Enugu, Ekiti and Osun states.

"The commission is investigating these incidents

Area of the state.

While encouraging the party's supporters not to

3 feared dead, properties damaged as APC, PDP supporters clash in Ife

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NO fewer than three persons were feared dead in Ile-Ife, on Sunday, as a result of violent clashes involving supporters of All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in several neighbourhoods in the town.

Though identities of the deceased could not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report, residents of Gbodo Area in Ile-Ife, where the incident occurred, who spoke to the Nigerian Tribune, hinted that a man was killed in the area during a fight between supporters of the two parties.

It was gathered that hos-

festiveness, as well as empowering women.

"Also promoting peace

ilities between the parties began on Friday when their supporters clashed at Enuwa area, using guns, cutlasses, charms and other dangerous weapons.

According a source, "the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade, had to summon leaders of both parties to his palace Friday evening, when it was becoming obvious people would not go out to vote because of the crisis that was spreading to all parts of Ife."

However, late Saturday evening, violence ensued in some areas in the town, when some suspected political thugs engaged in a free-for-all at Ayetoro, Otutu, Gbodo, Ita-akogun

had done in terms of establishing and equipping

areas and engaged in gun duel for several hours.

"After the clash in Gbodo here, a lifeless body was seen near the road leading out of this neighbourhood, but we were all too scared to come out. Many people were also injured and properties damaged.

"In a house in Gbodo here, the hoodlums damaged four vehicles. Also, around Ita Akogun, properties, mostly cars, were damaged. Another man, whose house was razed around Gbodo area had two of his children allegedly killed by the arsonists," a resident disclosed during a telephone chat with the **Nigerian Tribune.**