

General Muhammadu Buhari as contained in his campaign manifesto," he added.

new leadership and members would not be allowed to enter the assembly com-

would be seen as a bonus to the workers.

the workers would not accept any payment short of

abiding as discussions were on to salvage the situation.

presented the certificates to the winners in Yenagoa, charged them to be good representatives of the people who elected them.

He said, "While you receive the certificates, I urge you to be good ambassadors of your constituencies.

"However, it is sad to say that Bayelsa is the only state in the country that is still having an outstanding election in the two out of the 24 constituencies.

"I also urge you to keep preaching the gospel of peace, especially in the two areas that the election was still inconclusive," Kpagih said.

## Gunmen attack LG staff members' convoy, kill 2

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TWO persons were killed on Tuesday, on Gboko/Katsina Ala Road, in a gun duel between gunmen and policemen attached to the convoy of members of staff of Bureau for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, while they were travelling to Vandeikya for the appointment of new first class chiefs.

The appointment of first class chiefs had triggered ani-

mosity between the outgoing government of Governor Gabriel Suswam and incoming administration of Chief Samuel Ortom of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

The *Nigerian Tribune* reliably gathered that staffers of the bureau and some traditional rulers were on the official assignment to Vandeikya when the gunmen attacked them, but in a swift response by policemen, two persons were said to have been gunned down

while one was arrested.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Hycinth Dagala, who confirmed the report, was, however, silent on whether the attack was carried out on the traditional rulers or the members of staff of the bureau.

In a related development, Benue State government dared the court order and went ahead to confirm the appointment of six additional first class chiefs from Tiv extraction in the state.

According to the report, the Tiv Area Traditional Council, unanimously selected the first class chiefs and forwarded the same to the governor during their meeting, at the Tor Tiv palace in Gboko.

A statement by the secretary to the Tiv Area Traditional Council, Mr Torsaa Shinyi, explained that the decision to unanimously appoint those chiefs was affirmed by the rulers in their domain.

He further stated that the selection and the appointment were based on the new traditional and chieftaincy law recently passed by the state house of assembly.

Those selected and appointed include Tor Sankara, Chief Terkura Suswam; Tor Gwer, Chief Godwin Ikerever; Tor Lobi, Chief Moses Anagede; Tor Kwan-de, Chief Ambrose Iyorter; Tor Jechira, Chief Tergem Ugande and Tor Jemgba, Chief Afatyo Ajoko.