

6 feared killed as violence mars Rivers rerun election

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•Election cancelled in 6 LGAs •Soldiers allegedly shoot 1 in Obio/Akpor •INEC not prepared for election —Wike •PDP/INEC disagree over alleged fake result sheets

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PIC 1: Some voters waiting to be accredited during Saturday's rerun election. PIC 2: A victim identified as Tambari Ntoti allegedly killed by thugs of one of the political parties. PIC 3: Some of the arrested violators of electoral process. PIC 4: The alleged fake result sheets being bandied by politicians PIC 5: Another alleged victim being attended to.

DESPITE heavy deployment of security personnel, the Rivers State rerun election into the National Assembly and the state House of Assembly, conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), on Saturday, was marred by violence as six people were feared dead.

This was as the state Resident Electoral Commissioner, Mr Aneidi Ikoiwak, cancelled the election in six local government areas namely, Khana, Gokana, Andoni, Eleme, Tai and Bonny, due to non-availability of voting materials.

Governor Nyesom Wike declared that INEC was not prepared for the election, just as the state chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) alleged that INEC supplied fake result materials.

A man whose identity could not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report was allegedly shot by soldiers at Rumueprikom in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area.