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The accused were alleged

Enikuomehin

and Ayela Eniyansoro,

Abraham

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valuables

The accused, however,

## One feared dead, others injured as cultists disrupt UNIUYO students union election

**INI OBONG EKPONTA - UYO**

② VICE-Chancellor of the University of Uyo (UNIUYO), Akwa Ibom State, Professor Enefiok Essien, on Wednesday, announced the cancellation of the election into the Students Union following cultists' attack, where one student was feared dead, while over 10 others sustained various degrees of injuries.

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learned that fight broke out at the Town and Annex campuses of the university, ending the exercise abruptly, after elections were cancelled at the Faculty of Social Sciences' polling unit by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Aniekan Brown.

Following the cancellation, supporters of one of the leading candidates, it was gathered, stormed other polling units in other faculties to hijack ballot materi-

als amid gunshots by some suspected cultists.

"After the announcement was made by Dr. Brown, students from the polling unit moved to disrupt elections at other nearby polling units because of what they viewed as orchestrated plans to stop a non-indigene from emerging as the next president," Effiong Akpan, a student of the institution's Faculty of Arts, said.

Akpan said: "Ballot boxes

and other electoral materials were destroyed at the Faculty of Arts polling unit and Faculty of Education; and the violence was extended to other polling units, including those at the Faculties of Agriculture, Business Administration and others."

At the Annex campus, along Ikpa Road, a student was reportedly stabbed and was rushed to the hospital, while another student, who

simply identified herself as Mercy, of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, complained that her digital camera was destroyed during the chaos.

The Chief Security Officer (CSO) of the institution, Lieutenant Colonel. N. F. Efik (retd), said that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Essien, had to order the cancellation of the election to restore peace on the campus.

after this, the third and fourth defendants were apprehended in Igboké and transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) of the police command in Akure for further investigation.

According to him, the police were on the verge of obtaining the statements of the witnesses when they received a call that some gang members of the accused persons popularly known as "Tale's boys" were coming to attack the police station.

The trial judge, Ademola Bola, adjourned the case till July 3.