

# Polling agent killed

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THE Edo State governorship election held on Saturday recorded its first casualty in Ovia South-West Local Government Area, where gun-wielding thugs shot people, killing one person in the process at Wards 9 and 10 of the council.

The casualty, an unidentified woman, who was believed to be a polling agent of one of the political parties, was said to be in her late thirties.

Eyewitnesses reported that the thugs besieged the two wards while voting was in full swing, shooting directly into the midst of the people, two of whom were consequently hit in the process. Many were

injured in the ensuing melee.

"The shooting was entirely uncalled for, but they did it nevertheless. The thugs came in a van which was most surprising to us, in spite of police presence. When the woman fell, we knew she had been hit. She died immediately," an eyewitness said.

The other person, who said to have been shot at Ward 9, has not been confirmed whether dead or alive, but it was gathered she was in a critical condition.

"Only God knows if she will survive it. Many others who sustained gunshot wounds have been taken away in available vehicles," the eyewitness said.