

2 shot in Ebonyi

It was a black Saturday in Ugwuachara, Abakaliki, capital city of Ebonyi State, as suspected gunmen interrupted the ward congress of the APC, killing two people in the process. Materials meant for the election of new ward executive were carted away by the gunmen.

Sunday Tribune gathered that apart from the scores of party members who sustained varying degrees of injury, the most pathetic was that of a woman whose left leg was completely shattered.

A source in the locality, who pleaded anonymity, told Sunday Tribune that some other persons, including the Ebube Agu Security personnel, also sustained bullet injuries during the attack. According to the source “By 5 p.m., I drove from police junction Ugwuachara through Tina Nweze street to Ugwuachara Central School. On getting to Ugwuachara Central School, I saw a black Hiace bus with tinted glass and a saloon car.

“I didn’t pick the registration numbers because their number plates were covered. Suddenly, gunmen numbering about 10 emerged from the bus with AK-47 rifles and gunfire ensued.

“There was chaos as I was caught in the melee. I managed to hit the Abakaliki Mile 4 Road and crossed to other side. I saw gunmen suspected to be Ebube Agu operatives fleeing the scene while others started returning fire.

“At that point, the gunmen entered their vehicles and drove out, while Ebube Agu men entered their own vehicle and pursued them.”

“On my way home I saw a woman lying in her pool of blood and when I asked onlookers, they told me that one of the people pursuing the gunmen hit a motorcycle carrying the woman and her leg got shattered,” the source narrated.

When Sunday Tribune visited the scene later, it was discovered that all shops in Ugwuachara had hurriedly been shut.

Meanwhile, efforts to reach the Police Spokesperson, DSP Loveth Odah, proved abortive as she did not answer the calls put to her telephone line.