

One killed, four injured as gunmen invade APC rally in Ebonyi

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ONE person has been confirmed dead and four injured following an attack on the All Progressives Congress (APC) Ebonyi Central senatorial campaign rally in Onuwankwo village, Ez-zagu Ward 1, in Ishielu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

According to sources, the gunmen, who operated on two motorcycles, opened fire on the supporters of the candidate of the party, Chief Ken Eze, which led to the death of one Mr Emeka Nwusolor.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the gunmen also invaded the APC campaign rally at Agba Ward in the same council area and shot sporadically, but no casualty was recorded there.

When contacted, chairman of Ishielu Local Government Area, Mr Obinna Onwe, said the hoodlums, at

about 5:30p.m. on Saturday, invaded Onuwankwo and started shooting sporadically at party supporters who were about leaving the campaign ground shortly after the event.

Onwe described the incident as unfortunate, adding that the hoodlums also burnt a Hiace bus and another vehicle belonging to a party supporter.

He said the body of the deceased had been deposited at a mortuary, while those who sustained gunshot wounds were already receiving treatment in the hospital.

He lamented that the activities of gunmen at Agba axis had become worrisome, adding that the council had alerted security agencies to the development.

An eyewitness who did not want his name in print said the hoodlums wore masks during the operation.