

3 killed in A'lbom on eve of election

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THE gubernatorial candidate of the Young Progressives Party (YPP) in Akwa Ibom State, Senator Bassey Albert has called on the security agencies to investigate the alleged killing of three Ibiono Ibom indigenes in Oko Ita, the LG headquarters, by yet to be identified persons suspected to be members of the State Government House security team.

The candidate who made the call while interacting with journalists in Ward 1, unit 5, where he voted on Saturday, disclosed that the corpses of the slain victims were allegedly carried away by the same security operatives.

In a swift reaction to the allegation by the guber-

natorial candidate Akwa Ibom State government carpeted allegations by the state commissioner for information and strategy, Comrade Ini Ememobong queried "who would be more prone to violence between the state led by a Deacon and a self-confessed cultist".

Sunday Tribune reported that the Candidate of the (YPP) Sen. Akpan had accused the Akwa Ibom State Government of fomenting violent in Ibiono Ibom Local Government Area, which led to the killing of the two indigenes on the eve of the gubernatorial/State Assembly elections.

Reacting to the allegations, Ememobong, who is a former Publicity Secretary of the PDP, expressed shock that Akpan whom

he said has antecedents of political violence could blame such act on others.

"Incidentally that guber candidate is a self-confessed cultist, so you ask yourself between a cultist and a deacon, who should be blamed for the violence. Check who is more prone to violence.

"See, people are different, they will have their day in court. Incidentally, some of the people are already convicts and they may just be bidding their spare time here, but people can still be doubly convicted because they won't run quoteminiously, they would run one after the other".

Speaking further on the alleged killing of men said to be YPP supporters, Ememobong Wondered what YPP supporters could

have been doing at the INEC office at such odd hours.

"Assuming that they were YPP supporters, the question is; What were YPP supporters doing at INEC office at that time of the night? were they ought to have been there? The admission that their supporters were those killed is a simple admission that they were trying to break into INEC office.

"The only people expected to have been there are agents, so except they can identify those people as agents; INEC is exclusive for party agents, INEC Staff and Adhoc Staff. If someone knows who they were, then he should be able to know what they were doing there". The commissioner wondered.