

Violence trails election results in Ogun

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• Election, a charade-AC. • It is peaceful, free and fair –Daniel

NO fewer than two persons were shot at Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State on Sunday when residents of the town protested results of last Saturday's elections. Eyewitnesses said one of the persons shot was Oladele Kaka, a cousin

of the state governorship candidate of the Democratic Peoples Alliance, Alhaji Gbenga Kaka.

There were also protests at Totoro, Ago-Ika, Oke-Sokori and Oke-Yeke areas of Abeokuta, following the announcement that the State Governor, Otunba Gbenga

Daniel, had won the governorship election. Two persons sustained injuries during the protest in Abeokuta, where protesters made bonfire on Olusegun Obasanjo Way and Oke-Sokori.

While the police succeeded in dispersing protesters in Abeokuta, people that

protested in Ijebu-Igbo defied the police for several hours. Eyewitnesses said residents of Ijebu-Igbo began the protest when INEC, at noon on Sunday, said it had cancelled the elections in the town.

It was alleged that the results were cancelled at Ijebu-

Igbo Constituency 1 because the Peoples Democratic Party was defeated in the area.

Kaka, who confirmed that his cousin was shot, identified the other injured person at Ijebu-Igbo, as Lasisi Azeez.

But in a swift reaction, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, denied that the police shot the protesters. He said, "We heard that there was a protest in the town and sent our men there. No police officer shot anybody."

In his acceptance speech, Daniel described the elections as "free, fair and peaceful," and commended President Olusegun Obasanjo "for standing by the Ogun State in these watershed elections."

But the state branch of the Action Congress, in a statement on Sunday, faulted the governor and described the election as "a charade and not a true reflection of the people's vote."

INEC suspends announcement of results in Ondo, meets with party leaders

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THE Resident Commissioner of the Independent National Electoral Commission in Ondo State, Mr. Josiah Uwazuruonye, said on Sunday that the commission has suspended indefinitely, further announcement of the results of governorship and State House of Assembly elections.

He said this while addressing news men in Akure on Sunday

the office where they had waited overnight for the announcement of the results. Some INEC officials who had cause to leave the office were escorted by heavily armed policemen.

The protesters, who claimed that the Peoples Democratic Party had perfected plans to rig out Mimiko, vowed to resist the move with the last drop of their blood.

An armour personnel carrier with two police vans were later deployed to disperse the

protesters.

Some Christians could not attend church service on Sunday due to the fear that they might be harassed by protesters. Our correspondent observed that number plates on many of the state government vehicles had been removed. Many shops were also closed throughout Sunday.

The palace of the Amapetu of Mahin, Oba Lawrence Omowole, was reportedly vandalised by some miscreants on Saturday night.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, told our correspondent that he was not aware of the killing in Ile-Oluji. However, he said he would find out.

Meanwhile, INEC has met with the leaders of various political parties in the state.

Our correspondent learnt that the meeting was held to investigate claims of electoral fraud put forward by some parties. The close door meeting was held under tight security.