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A'Ibom: Five feared dead in election fracas

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About **five** people were on Tuesday **feared dead** in Ibiono Ibom, Nsit Atai and

Ibesikpo/Asutan areas of Akwa Ibom State when suspected members of the Peoples' Democratic Party, were accused of an attempt to snatch electoral materials during the governorship and House of Assembly elections in the state.

The elections were held for the state House of Assembly, governorship and Akwa Ibom North West Senatorial District (Uyo); Mkpat Enin and Oruk Anam federal constituencies which were earlier postponed.

Other people, including youth corps members serving as ad-hoc staff of the Independent National Electoral Commission, were also wounded while trying to run to safety.

Earlier at Ibionio Ibom, Ward 5, youth corps members coordinating the elections were said to have alleged that some security men had arrived at the polling booth and carted away a ballot box while shooting sporadically in the air to scare voters.

Action Congress of Nigeria agent, Mr. Christopher Akpan said, "At the point of counting, the security agent with Aduma (state-owned security agent) came and snatched the ballot box and started shooting gun. At Ikot Ubo, the same thing happened."

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In Uyo, Ward 2 Urban, Unit 21, the ACN representative, Mr. Emmanuel Akpan, accused PDP agents of canvassing for votes at the polling centres.

According to him, the eligible voters were requested to meet the party's agents at a specified location for compensation. He said that the voters tried to resist them but for the interest of peace, they abandoned the action that could be construed as breach of peace.

At Utu Ikot Eboro, Ward 1 in Etim Ekpo Local Government Area of the state, security men and some electorate allegedly beat up a man whom they said was an ACN supporter. The attackers allegedly claimed that the area was PDP zone and that any counter vote was an affront to the politics of the area.



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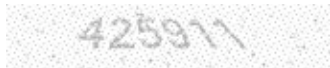
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