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One person, Bosun Adegorola, lost his life at Ward Congress of the All Progressives Congress, which held in Akure on Wednesday.

Adegorola was said to have been shot during an argument at Isikan Ward II in Akure South Local Government.

When reporters reached the scene of the incident in front of Midee Lounge at Ajipowo area, residents were not willing to volunteer any information.

However, blood stains were seen at the scene in front of the relaxation centre while the gate of the relaxation centre and shops around the place were locked.

It was learnt that the incident occurred when some leaders of the party including the Interim Secretary, Prince Olu Adegboro, asked two rival aspirants to go outside the venue to consult with each other in order to make one of them to step down for the other.

It was gathered that as the two aspirants went outside, some people emerged from nowhere and shot sporadically into the air.

The gunshots caused pandemonium and the deceased was hit on the head.

He was then rushed to the emergency unit of the State Specialist Hospital, Akure.

Efforts to save the life of Adogorola proved abortive.

Confirming the incident, the Deputy Police Public Relations Officer for Ondo State Command, Mr. Lawal Opeyemi said three suspects had been arrested.

Lawal said the command had begun investigation into the incidents.

Also, members of the APC in Edo South senatorial district on Wednesday traded blames over the conduct of Tuesday's disputed ward congress in the state.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that while some of the aggrieved members of the party have called for the cancellation of the ward congress, the leadership of APC has described the call as blackmail.

Reading a prepared statement at a news conference in Benin on Wednesday, their leader, Chief Amos Osunbor, said the call for the cancellation became necessary "because the conduct did not follow due process."

The aggrieved members, who faulted the process of the conduct of the congress, noted that the exercise was characterised by violence and thuggery.

They alleged that members of the committee mandated to conduct the congress were not on ground to perform their duties while materials for the exercise were not available for the congress.

"As if the whole exercise was designed to fail, sponsored violence was observed across the venues in the senatorial district.



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"Armed thugs in government vehicles were seen unleashing mayhem on defenceless party faithful.

"Furthermore, some local government chairmen were seen sponsoring violence in their respective council areas," Osunbor alleged.

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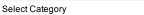








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