

# Oba of Epe's son, five others drown after voting

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A son of the Olu of Epe, Kunle Adewale, and five others have drowned in a river after their boat capsized on Saturday.

It was learnt that Kunle, who is a director in the Lagos State Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, was the first son of the Olu of Epe, Oba Shefiu Adewale, who ascended the throne two years ago.

Our correspondent learnt that Kunle and a local government chairman aspirant, Mr. Muiz Bello, as well as four others had gone to cast their votes when their boat capsized on their way back.

A close source said, "It is indeed a very sad day. We were all together in Epe early in the morning and we ate together. After sometime, they said they registered at a polling unit across the river."

"About five hours later, we heard that he had died. We still don't know how it all happened."

Confirming the incident, the state Chairman of the APC, Chief Henry Ajomale, said it was unfortunate.

Ajomale prayed for the repose of their souls, adding that they died as honourable men.

The APC boss said, "It is very unfortunate and we pray that the Almighty God grants them eternal rest and gives their families the strength to bear the loss. They died as honourable men who fought for the progress of this country."

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Ajomale lamented the voting process, adding that as of 8pm in Oshodi/Isolo

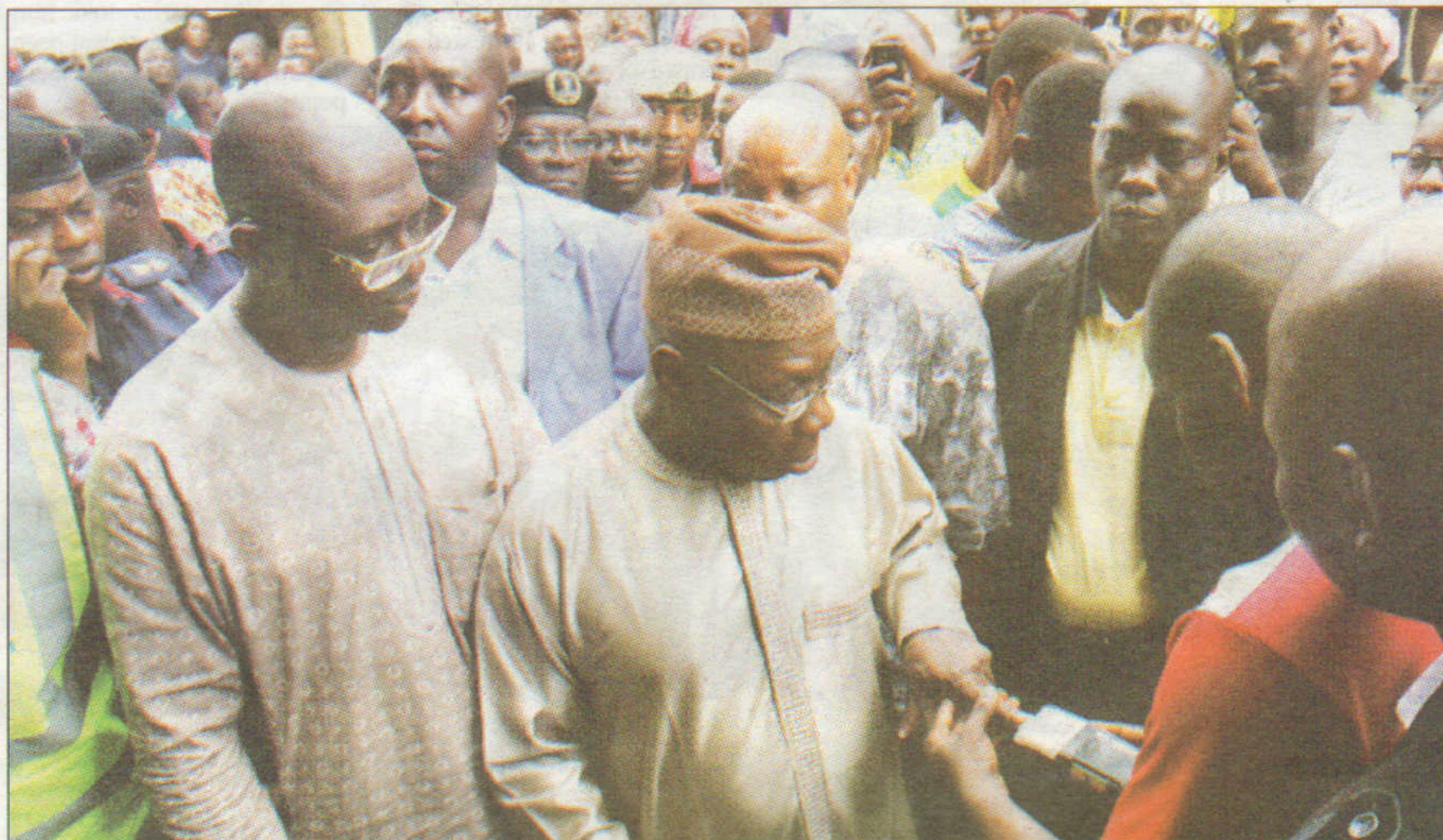
Local Government Area, voting was still ongoing.

He said, "INEC should have been more prepared because in many places,

voting is still ongoing at this time (8pm) while in some places there were no INEC officials."

Ajomale, however,

maintained that he was confident that he would be able to deliver his ward to the APC even though it is an Igbo dominated area.



• **Former President Olusegun Obasanjo at Ward 11, Unit 22, Totoro/Sokori, in Abeokuta, Ogun State... on Saturday. Photo: Saheed Olugbon.**

## Aregbesola, Amosun express mixed feelings

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and SAMUAL AWOYINFA

### OSUN, OGUN

**O** SUN State Governor, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola, has commended the Independent National Electoral Commission for introducing electronic card reader for the conduct of the elections held on Saturday.

Aregbesola spoke with journalists after casting his vote at Ifofin Ward

8 in Ilesha-East Local Government Area of Osun State.

The governor, in company with his wife and mother, around 2pm, said the use of card reader for voter accreditation had reduced possible manipulation of the process.

However, the Ogun State

Governor and governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, said he was disappointed with INEC for allegedly disenfranchising so many people in the state.

He was reacting to the reports on the number of people who were unable to get their PVCs.

One of our correspondents

who was at Ward 10, Units 1 and 2, Abeokuta-North Local Government Area, noticed that the combined number of people with PVCs was 18 (10 in Unit 1 and 8 in Unit 2), out of the 740 registered voters.

Voting ended within 20 minutes of the commencement of the election.

Amosun, who cast his vote at Ajura in Obafemi-Owode Local Government Area

## Hoodlums snatch ballot boxes in Akure

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SOME hoodlums numbering 10, on Saturday evening, reportedly snatched six ballot boxes at the conclusion of voting at Unit 5, Ward 9, Akure-South Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Our correspondent gathered that polling officials were counting the ballots at the unit which had two voting points when the hoodlums appeared.

An ad hoc staff of INEC said the hoodlums came, brandishing bottles and machetes, and scared away voters.

She said the three security personnel around could not stop them as they disappeared into a nearby corner.

Voters were said to have scampered to safety, as the armed men moved the boxes away from the unit, which was believed to be favouring the APC.

When contacted, the Resident Electoral Commissioner, Olusegun Agbaje, said he had yet to be briefed on the development.

According to him, he was hearing the report first from our correspondent and would verify it.

## INEC website hacked, restored

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**Fayomi, Tinubu, Sambo win polling units**