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It was further learnt that another resident of Agberire, a 28-year-old man simply identified as Sheriff, who was also injured in the attack, was rushed to hospital. Two persons were also reportedly injured during the congress in Oba Oke, in Olorunda Local Government Area and Ipetumodu, in Ife North Local Government.

It was learnt that the suspect accused of firing the shot was later arrested by residents and beaten before police operatives rescued him.

The spokesman of the state police command, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the death of two persons in an interview with our correspondent.

Police operatives immediately rushed down to the place and evacuated two people that were seriously injured and took them to the hospital. It was at the hospital that a doctor confirmed one of them, Toib Mutalib, dead. The other injured victim, Sheriff, is said to be responding to treatment.

Speaking on the incident that occurred in Ipetumodu, Opalola said, "a man, Olamide Aremu, was reportedly shot in the leg by a suspected thug. They were at a collation centre when gunshots were heard. The man that fired the shot was seized by the residents and beaten. Policemen later rescued him and took him to hospital. His vehicle was also burnt."

The exercise was however largely peaceful in Osogbo.

Achieftain of the PDP belonging to Wale Ojo faction from Ife North

Ikenna Obianeri, Awka

Seventeen former chairmen of the party in the local government areas led by Lawrence Emegini had gone to court seeking a declaration that their tenure still subsist.

The party had conducted congresses, which produced Mr Basil Ejidike as the state chairman in January.

But Justice Ike Ogu of the High Court 4, Awka, who delivered judgment in the matter before him, ruled that the exercise contravened the interlocutory injunction earlier issued by the court.

Justice Ogu ruled that the plaintiffs' case succeeded.

Although he admitted that there were pockets of violence

Agufugo said some people wanted to disorganise the party by trying to hijack its leadership through the back, but the court had liberated it.

Counsel for the plaintiffs, Chief P. I. Ikwueto (SAN), said his clients had been vindicated by the decision of the court.

Edward Nnachi, Abakaliki

It said though the 15 All Progressive Congress lawmakers in the assembly had purportedly declared the

As of 8.30 pm when our correspondent left the collation centre, chairman of the PDP ward congress, Governor Umaru Fintiri of Adamawa State and his team were yet to arrive WOCDF Centre, Osogbo for the commencement of the collation of results.

The Legal Adviser to the faction of the APC in the state affected by the judgment, Mr Chinoso Chinwuba, said the judgment would be studied to know the next line of action to take.

"We will file a notice of appeal and stay of execution. The judge erred in law and the judgment will be set aside on appeal," he said.

coup d'etat that happened in the desecrated chambers of the Ebonyi State House of Assembly which sought to forcefully remove from office the Deputy Speaker of Ebonyi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Odefa Obasi Odefa has failed.

"Let me state categorically therefore that Rt. Hon. Odefa Obasi Odefa remains the undisputed substantive Deputy Speaker of Eborji State House of Representatives."

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