

# 4 killed in Delta run-off election

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**A**t least four persons were shot dead and six others critically wounded during a run-off election conducted yesterday in Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State.

Trouble started when a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chieftain allegedly stormed the venue of the exercise with thugs armed with pump action machine gun, rifles and other dangerous weapons and

snatched voting materials.

Daily Sun gathered that the voting materials kept at the police station in Isiokolo headquarters of the local government were allegedly snatched under the watch of policemen at the station.

The armed youths, who came in about five vehicles, were said to have shot several into the air and at Samagidi, where voting was taking place, and went away with the election materials, just as they shot dead three members of Labour Party, who attempted to stop them.

Having accomplished their mission, the hoodlums drove through some major streets in Samagidi, shooting sporadically and killed a man in the process.

At Eku General Hospital, where the dead and the injured were taken to, five persons were placed on danger list while the sixth victim, was rushed to the state University Teaching Hospital at Oghara.

It was alleged that the PDP chairmanship candidate, Chief Faith Majemite, was later declared winner, even though the exercise was alleged to be

inconclusive.

The Electoral Officer in the area, Mr. Ukey Efetobor, attributed the delayed takeoff of the exercise to late arrival of voting materials and expressed shock over the disruption caused by the hoodlums.

He stated that security had been beefed up around the locality to forestall a break down of law and order.

However, the Labour Party candidate, Mr. Innocent Anidi, has vowed to go to court over alleged manipulation and disruption of the election by thugs.

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