

# Guber: 2 die as violence, snatching of electoral materials mar polls in Imo

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**THE** Governorship and State Assembly elections held yesterday in Imo State was marred by violence, ballot box and result sheets snatching.

This was just as an unidentified youth was shot dead at Umudim Umunwala ward in Nkwerre council area of the state.

Also in Obizi Agwa soldiers allegedly shot one person dead while another was critically wounded.

In Ward 6 in Ngor-Okpala council, electoral materi-

als were snatched by three persons suspected to be fake police allegedly working for a chieftain of the Action Alliance.

Similarly, in Umueziala Egbuoma pollig unit in Oguta council, hoodlums reportedly invaded by the polling units, chased away voters and made away with the electoral materials.

In Umuchekwa Eziudo booth 008 which is the polling units of former APC chairman, Dr. Hilary Ekeh, the electoral officials refused to count the ballots after voting was over.

However, the youths of

community insisted that the results must be announced. It took the intervention of the Police to rescue the officials who thereafter escaped without announcing the results.

Similarly, there were no elections in polling booths 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Uwaorie ward in Oguta as no electoral materials were brought to the affected polling booths.

Meanwhile, Governor Rochas Okorocha of the All Progressive Congress APC lost the government house polling booth to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the governorship and House of Assembly elections.

Similarly, his son-in-law, Uche Nwosu of the Action Alliance (AA) lost to PDP.

With the result collated for governorship, PDP polled a total of 38 and 62 from unit 001 and 002 respectively while APC polled 6 and 7 from unit 001 and 002 respectively.

For House of Assembly election, PDP polled 40 and 53 from unit 001 and 002, while APC polled 8 and 7 from the units.

The AA polled 14 and 21 from the two polling units for governorship and polled 9 and 27 for the House of Assembly.