

PDP chieftain beaten by SARS dies

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A chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Rivers State, who was arrested and beaten up by operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) during the December 10 legislative rerun elections

in the state, died yesterday from injuries sustained during his ordeal with the operatives.

The victim, Mr. Lenee Neebani, who was the PDP chairman Ward 10, Khana Local Government Area, according to reports, was arrested by SARS operatives during the elections allegedly on the orders of a

top member of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the area.

Neebani was reportedly taken to an hotel owned by the APC chieftain, where he was beaten to a state of coma and released on December 11, but died the next day in the hospital where he was rushed to for treatment.

It will be recalled that in Khana, Gokana and Tai Local Government Areas, which fall under the Rivers South-East senatorial district, there was large number of deployment of soldiers and policemen, some of who accompanied politicians during the polls.

Another PDP member, Mr. Legborsi Azoor, who was equally arrested in Khana during the rerun polls, according to the leaders of the party, had been bleeding from his ears and nose and currently in a critical condition in the

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accruing to the schools, no student from Bayelsa was stopped from enjoying any services rendered by the institutions.

"It has come to the knowledge of the office of the senior special assistant to the governor on scholarship welfare that a certain news being circulated about the fate of our students in Ghana who are on state scholarship.

"The said news which

was quoted from the on-line version of a national newspaper alleged that resulting from non-payment of tuition obligations; our students have been barred from exams and driven out of their official residence.

"For the avoidance of doubt and record purpose, this is completely untrue. At the moment, efforts are in top gear to settle all the outstanding payments.