Asaba: Police Kill 2 at PDP Stakeholders' Meeting

he Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) stakeholders meeting yesterday in Asaba ended in bloodshed as two persons were shot dead by the Police at the State Primary Education Board (SPEB) Road headquarters of the party.

But controversy has trailed the identity of the men who lost

From Kingsley Nwezeh in Asaba

their lives. Police claimed that the deceased were found with arms but party officials said they were innocent party followers who came for the meeting.

The meeting which started at 12:00 noon yesterday at the state

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From Funso Muraina in Abuja

injected by the defendants, saying it was a mere plot to delay the proceedings and frustrate his client. According to the senior advocate, it was premature and incompetent for the defendant to make such a demand of the plaintiff as it amounted jumping the gun and trying to preempt the plaintiff.

Akintola argued that the answers being asked were already contained in the interrogatories filed before the court and urged the court not to entertain further delay.

party secretariat, in Asaba, the state capital ended in confusion as sporadic gunshots from a nearby bush made politicians and observers to take to their heels.

One of the victims was alleged to be a driver to a party chieftain in the state, Chief Adiotomre, while the other victim's identity remained unknown

as at press time.

Trouble started immediately after the reading of a communiqué by the majority leader of the Delta State House of Assembly, Hon. Ossai N. Ossai, who moved a motion passing vote of confidence on the leadership of the party in the state and the PDP gubernatorial candidate and was supported by the state ALGON chairman, Chief Tony Nwaka.