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firmly that no election took place in Anambra State," Obi said.

# Six Killed in Electoral Violence

**M**ore than six people may have been killed and several others injured in elections-related violence in Cross River State.

The elections were characterised by hijack of materials, rigging and open display of dangerous weapons by area boys and thugs hired by politicians to protect their interests.

Among those killed was a 14-year old girl who was shot by a Naval personnel along Inyang Nta Henshaw Avenue (Mayne Avenue), Calabar.

THISDAY gathered that the girl, who went to fetch water from a borehole was returning to

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her home when a Naval personnel on election duty attempted to fire at a group of young men in a car, but missed his target and hit her. She was said to have died on the way to the hospital.

Governorship candidate of the Action Congress (AC), Mr Emmanuel Ibeshi, in a press conference jointly organised by the Action Congress, All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) and Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA) at the close of elections in Calabar, said two people, including a mobile policeman were killed at Obanliku Local

Government area of the state, while trying to smuggle election materials.

He said at least three people were severely injured in Obudu, and that as at 2.00p.m., it was still not certain if they would survive.

THISDAY also gathered that two youth lost their lives at Ugep, Yakurr Local Government area of the state when they fell off a bus. The two, whose identities were yet to be ascertained, were suspected to be thugs hired from outside the state by PDP chieftains. They were said to have fallen off the bus, which they were driving fiercely to scare voters.