

# LG Polls: Two Die in Ebonyi PDP Primaries

No fewer than two persons have been confirmed dead, while properties worth several millions of naira were destroyed in a fracas that broke during the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) primaries for councillorship aspirants in Egwuegu Ward, Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Indigenes of the area have deserted the place apparently for fear of attack by the rampaging youth, who have vowed to get those behind the killings.

The primaries, THISDAY gathered, are in preparation for the forthcoming council election billed to be conducted by the Ebonyi State Independent National Ele-

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ctoral Commission (EBS-IEC), on October 20.

Confirming the incident to newsmen, the Councillor, Honourable Out Christian,

said violence broke out in the area following the killing of one Ikechukwu Eze, a student of Akanu Ibiam Federal Polytechnic, Unwana, by thugs believed to be working for one of the councillorship aspirants.

## 'How to Tackle Maternal M

Wife of Kwara State governor and initiator of the Well-Being Foundation, Mrs Toyin Saraki, yesterday asked the Federal Government and stakeholders in the health sector to ensure that Nigeria begins to implement credible health records that could help in reducing high rate of maternal and child mortality.

Saraki, who lamented high

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rate of maternal and child mortality across the country, said Nigeria must strive to meet the demands of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG), with particular reference to goal four, which deals with improving the conditions of women giving birth.

Saraki, at the opening of a