

# A'ibom PDP Primaries: Death Toll Rises to 5

**T**he number of people who died as a result of crises recorded during the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) ward primaries held in Akwa Ibom State on Monday and Tuesday has risen to five.

But Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Gabriel Ngban, told THISDAY yesterday that the state Police Command was aware of only two deaths during the primaries. Sources said one person was allegedly killed and

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houses razed in Ini, Local Government, Nsit Atai, Uyo, Ukanafun and Abak local government areas of the state.

Following this development, the state Governor, Godswill Akpabio is reportedly having a close door meeting with stakeholders in the affected local government areas of the state. Although the meetings were inconclusive, Akpabio pleaded

with them to allow peace to reign.

Meanwhile, gates of residence of Akpabio and that of the state Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state, Mr Otu Ita Toyo, were locked against female Councillorship aspirants who protested the conduct of the primaries.

Dressed in black, the aspirants staged peaceful protests to register their dissatisfaction with the primaries.