

Explosion Rocks N'Assembly Primaries, Two Delegates Killed

A thundering explosion weekend rocked the vicinity of the venue of the National Assembly primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Akwa Ibom State at Eket township stadium.

However, two persons reportedly lost their lives during the primaries held in the state. One delegate was allegedly killed by security operatives at Eket township stadium where the Eket Senatorial and Houses of

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Representatives primaries were held for the nomination of candidates of the party for the forth coming general elections.

Although the identity of the victim could not be ascertained at press time yesterday,

The delegate who died was said to have been manhandled by a soldier attached to

the centre to control the crowd. The victim reportedly died while being rushed to the hospital for medical treatment.

Unconfirmed report also indicated that another person lost his life during the conduct of the primary in Ukanafun/Abak/Ika federal constituency.

Similarly, intermittent firing of bullets into the air allegedly scared away hoodlums from causing stampede during the conduct of the Uyo

Senatorial District and House of Representatives primaries for four federal constituencies within the district.

THISDAY gathered that the Uyo township stadium was jam-packed with all the access roads barricaded causing tension to rise as delegates waited from 9 am till late in the night for accreditation.

Primaries initially scheduled for 9 am on Friday did not start as the materials arrived at 4 pm while the pri-

maries were concluded about 7 am the next day, Saturday.

Top politicians, commissioners and others who had nothing to do with the primaries were reportedly embarrassed and sent away from the venue by security operatives.

Seeing how tension mounted, the Returning Officer for the Uyo Senatorial district primaries and Legal Adviser of the party in the state, Mr

Dominic Okon, had warned that he would not succumb to intimidation or threat from any quarters.

State Governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, who went round with some national officers of the party to monitor the primaries described the National Assembly primaries of the Uyo senatorial as very impressive and peaceful compared to those of other districts.

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