FINTIRI MAINTAINS LEAD AS INEC SUSPENDS COLLATION OF ADAMAWA'S GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION RESULTS

two polling units in the constituency.

According to him, Akande-Sadipe scored 14, 891 to defeat her closest rival, Mr Abdul-Mojeed Mogbonjubola of PDP, who scored 13,073.

Akande-Sadipe is currently representing the Oluyole Federal Constituency at the House.

The electional body had declared the election held on February 25 inconclusive following the malfunctioning of the Birnodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) machines and cases of over-voting in the affected two polling units.

This made the commission conduct a supplementary election in the two polling units on Saturday.

Similarly, INEC has also declared the PDP House of Representatives candidate, Hon. Abass Agboworin, as the winner of the re-run election in Ibadan South-East/North-East Federal Constituency of Oyo State.

Agboworin, a current occupant of the seat, was declared elected

after he polled 28,111 votes to win the supplementary election.

The INEC Returning Officer, Prof. Benjamin Olley of the University of Ibadan, announced Agboworin as the winner at the ancient Mapo Hall Collation Centre in Ibadan.

Agboworin won the election ahead of his closest contender, Adedapo Lam-Adesina, son of the late former Governor, Lam Adesina.

Lam-Adesina of the APC, polled 27, 338 votes.

In Kano State, MB Shehu of the NNPP was declared the winner of the Fagge Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives.

Shehu defeated the incumbent House of Representatives member for the constituency, Aminu Sulaiman Goro of the APC, who is serving his third term in the Green Chamber.

Announcing the results, the Returning Officer, Professor Ibrahim Tajo Suraj, said Shehu polled 19,

024 votes of the total votes cast, followed by the candidate of the Labour Party, Shuaibu Abubakar who polled 12, 789 votes.

According to the result, Aminu Sulaiman Goro of APC came third with 8, 669 votes.

Six Feared Killed as Violence Mar Elections in Akwa Ibom, Kebbi

Meanwhile, six persons were feared killed as violence reportedly erupted during the conduct of the supplementary elections held in the Ikono/Ini and Abak federal constituencies of Akwa Ibom State.

Among those shot and hospitalised was an NYSC member who had served as Ad-hoc staff in the election.

The supplementary election in Ikono/Ini federal constituency was between incumbent House of Representatives member, Mr. Emmanuel Ukpong Udo who

defected from the PDP to the Young Peoples Party (YPP), and former Commissioner in the state, Dr. Glory Edet of the PDP.

Udo was said to be leading Edet with a margin of 4,161; while in the Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency, Clement Jimbo of the APC leads incumbent lawmaker, Aniekan Umanah of the PDP with a 2,962 votes margin.

The vote margin was said to have raised tension and violence allegedly caused by thugs, who reportedly resort to the hijacking of ballot materials and random shooting of some officials of INEC and supporters of opposition parties.

Out of the 17 units the polls were re-conducted in Ikono/Ini, and materials in seven units were reportedly hijacked by gunmen, which led to the cancellation of the supplementary polls by INEC.

Casualties were also reported in Etim Ekpo LGA Ward 7 at Ibio Nnung Achat community and Etok Uruk Eshiet Ward 3, where thugs disrupted the elections with violence and hijacking of ballot materials after the polls.

Reacting to the shooting of the corps member and others across the seven units of Ikono Ward 11, the INEC official in charge of Publicity and Voter Education, Mr. Osaro Aisien, as well as the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), said the full details of the cases were still being expected, assuring that no stone would be left unturned in bringing perpetrators to justice.

EFCC Arrests 12 in Kano, Katsina for Vote-buying

In a related development, the EFCC said it arrested 12 persons for alleged vote-buying during the supplementary polls in Kano and Katsina states.

The EPCC Kano Zonal Commander, Faruk Dogondaji, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in an interview that the suspects were arrested with N1.5 million cash in Kano and Katsina states.

According to him, 10 were arrested in Doguwa Local Government Area of Kano State and two in Kankiya LGA of Katsina State.

Dogondaji said the suspects were arrested while attempting to induce eligible voters with cash at some polling units.

He said the 10 suspects were apprehended with N1,357,500 in Doguwa LGA, while the two suspects were arrested with N242,000 in Kankia LGA.

"We will also be physically present at all the collation centres to prevent a change of results," he said.

He said the presence of the personnel in the electoral process would add credibility to the exercise.

The EPCC commander said the suspects would be charged in court after the investigation.