

Three shot at PDP congress in Ughelli

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WARRI—THREE persons, a female and two males were shot, weekend, in the ward congress of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Oteri-Ughelli in Ughelli North local government area of Delta State, by thugs allegedly recruited by a politician.

Reports from the area said that party members who thronged the venue of the

congress were chased away by the thugs who accidentally fired at some people loyal to the politician.

The victims who were taken to the Ughelli Central Hospital, for treatment after the shooting fled the hospital when they got information that the police were coming there to obtain statements from them.

A PDP chieftain in the area, Chief Austin Uloho told newsmen that from available infor-

mation, there were indications that some aspirants might have hijacked the exercise leading to the violence recorded in the area, adding, however, that even if any aspirant does that, there was no guarantee that whoever he makes a delegate would automatically vote him during elections.

But Mr. Matthew Edevbie who also spoke to newsmen, said the congress was suc-

cessful, as according to him, "the people came on time and we started voting for the exact people that the community wanted and I think we had a very successful congress in Ughelli North."

He further noted that there were little skirmishes, saying such was expected in every political election. "It is just a little bit of skirmishes but we have settled everything," Mr. Edevbie said.

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