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### Youths beat middle-aged man to death at registration centre

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**B**ENIN —TRAGEDY struck last Thursday in one of the centers for the voters registration exercise in Benin City, after a middle-aged man was beaten to death by some youths, following a minor dispute over who should be registered first.

It was learnt that the deceased who was identified as Emmanuel Uguebor had gone to the Ivbiore primaries school, Oredo Local Government Council at about 8am for

the exercise, where the deceased and others were given individual numbers while awaiting for the arrival of the officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). *Vanguard* learnt that trouble started when some youths numbering over five, stormed the center 30 minutes later and insisted that they should be registered before others who came before them.

The action of the youths it was gathered did not go down well with the deceased and others who arrived the

center early enough, therefore a heated argument ensued. It was learnt that the youths who were infuriated over Uguebor's outburst pounced on him until he fainted. He was rushed to the hospital after the hoodlums took to their heels but unfortunately died before any treatment could be administered. The police Area Commander Mr Isaac Eke who confirmed the incident to *Vanguard* said some detectives have been mandated to fish out the suspects, vowing that when arrested they would be charged for murder.