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Elections: 3 burnt to death in Commissioner's house

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ASABA—MEN of the Delta State police command confirmed yesterday that three persons were burnt to death at Abraka during last Saturday elections when a house belonging to a servicing Commissioner in the state, Mr. Evans Iwurie was set ablaze and have succeeded in arresting two of the culprits.

State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi told reporters in Asaba yesterday that "ongoing investigation has shown that three persons were burnt to death but we have arrested two persons in connection with the ugly incident. We have received petitions with the names of the culprits, so we are on their trail".

Meanwhile, the State Chair-

man of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Emma Ogidi and gubernatorial candidate of DPP, Chief Great Ogboru have been trading words accusing each other of being responsible for the spate of violence across the state.

State Chairman of PDP Chief Emma Ogidi and governor James Ibori in separate interaction with newsmen on Sunday accused the DPP members of being responsible.

But Ogboru while addressing the press in Asaba yesterday said it is Ogidi and PDP chieftains that should be arrested and held responsible instead and not him.

Meanwhile, the State Chairman of the Action Congress (AC), Chief Sam Egwerome in a statement in Asaba said the "Delta state chapter of Action Congress condemns in its entirety the conduct of the so-called gubernatorial/House of Assembly elections in Delta state.