



# One shot dead at PDP congress in Imo

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**O**WERRI—A middle aged man and father of five, Mr. Chinedu Okwara, was mowed down in cold blood, during the ward congress of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

*Vanguard* investigations revealed that the deceased came to the venue of the PDP ward congress in Ideato South local government area of Imo State, clutching a double barrelled gun.

An eyewitness who pleaded strict anonymity told *Vanguard* that irked by the introduction of the gun by the deceased, a hot argument ensued between Okwara and his assailant identified as Chibuike Emelu.

“The hot argument gradually snowballed into physical combat and to the astonishment of every other person present at the scene, Emelu pulled a silver-coloured revolver and shot Okwara at close range”, the witness recounted with grief.

Continuing, the badly shaken lady lamented that “Okwara died instantly before any form of medical attention could come his way”, adding that the other party faithful immediately scampered into safety to avoid being arrested by the police or linked with the sad incident.

When the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Ideato South local government area, Mr. Emmanuel Anthony Ogwu, was contacted on the issue, he confirmed the story.

“The police has commenced investigations in earnest to unravel the circumstances surrounding the dastardly act”, the DPO said.

A former member of Imo State House of Assembly, Mr. Mbakwe Obi, said it was double tragedy for the people as the ward congress did not hold and an indigene was mowed down in a senseless political scuffle.