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## Benue Guber Polls: 2 shot dead, over 50 fake observers arrested

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By **Peter Duru**

No fewer than 2 persons were shot dead in Makurdi the Benue State capital at the ongoing gubernatorial election while attempting to snatch INEC ballot boxes and electoral materials at various polling units in parts of the town just as over 50 fake observers have been apprehended around State by the Police.

Vanguard gathered that a bus load of the impostors was apprehended at a Police check point at Otukpo Ichu, in Otukpo local government area of the state.

One of the dead was shot while attempting to snatch electoral materials at the Commissioners quarters polling unit, but he ran out of luck as one of the vigilant security operatives shot him on the chest before he got away with the box.

The getaway motorbike of the ballot box snatcher was immediately set ablaze by angry voters at the polling unit.

While another was short dead at the Gboko road round about while attempting to snatch a ballot box at the polling unit.

Meanwhile, one of the alleged fake observer who was also arrested in Otukpo by the Police, Mr. Hassan Yayock claimed to belong to the Society for the Protection of Human Rights.

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lazy but greedy politicians who wants to make quick money. They should not be envied cos they are lazy twarts. I love British businessmen who work hard for more money. Nigerian politicians should go out there to invest and work hard. LAZY BASTARDS

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This killing is totally unnecessary!!!The ballot snatchers should be apprehended and sent to the Police...

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Who employed these observers? If they were not caught, they would have said the election was free, fair and credible. How many fake observers have participated in the past two elections?

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The truth of the matter is that, the freedom of democracy has come with some sort of pride, driving us to assume that our democratic maturity is up sholders with that of Canada, U.k, U.S, etc, to conduct ourselves peacefully in a democratically, social and civilised manner during and after these election exercises without the full involvement of the military force being use to enforce orderliness and maintain peace and security during the exercise. Our pride must not drive us to forget that this country was ruled with the barrels of AK47s for decades and so, the people do not understand any simple instruction, short of the gun. The effect of the military rules and decrees has already Become part of our people. Therefore, while we try to embress democracy as we grow, some military tactics must still be used as proactive measure against the unruly behaviour of our people for now before we will gradually mature to conduct ourselves by ourselves in the near future. In the polling unit where i cast my vote today, election was almost put to a hald due to the unruly behaviour of the electorates but the intervention of only one sulder man, who alone, was manning 4 polling unit restored calm and allow voting to progress with peace, you can see what i mean.

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Luam "eba" is sweet. Benue play safe you'r not aboki

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While i condemned ballot snatching, i also condemned the shooting dead of the victim.The security outfit we have in this country ve not being alive to

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