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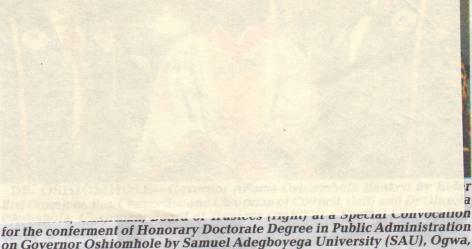
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on Governor Oshiomhole by Samuel Adegboyega University (SAU), Ogwa, Edo State, Saturday.

# **RE-RUN POLLS: Shootings** continue in Rivers

Continues from Page 1 legislative seats in Rivers State continued, yesterday, as the results were being collated.

There were sporadic shootings in Abonema area of Port Harcourt, the state capital. The shooting which lasted for about 30 minutes caused panic as people around Mile 1 and Azikiwe road scampered for safety.

The cause of the deafening gunshots was yet to be ascertained at press time but some security operatives arrived the scene on time to restore normalcy.

were also There shootings, last night, causing heavy stampede in Rumuola and Rumuigbo areas of Port-Harcourt.

The shooting in Rumuigbo, base of Tony in Okocha, APC House of Representatives candidate for Obio Akpor Federal Constituency, occurred around 8.00 p.m. and caused many pedestrians to take flight.

#### **Peterside survives** gun attack, Wike loses aide

One person was feared dead, yesterday evening and two others reportedly sustained gunshot injuries during fierce shooting at UTC junction on Azikiwe road.

The scene of incident is about 200 meters from the office of the Department of State Service, DSS and a walking distance to Government House, Port Harcourt.

There were conflicting accounts of what led to the incident. Dr Dakuku Peterside, who was the governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress, APC, alleged that he was the target for assassination, adding that the gunmen opened fire on the vehicle conveying him, his running mate in the last general elections, Asita and the Chairman of his party,

Dr Davies Ikanya.
A statement by Peterside's

Asoya alleged that his Police orderly, Mr Emma Esi sustained gunshot injuries and was rushed to the hospital.

Two Jeeps belonging to Emeka Woke, Nyesom Wike's Chief of Staff, carrying two unknown gunmen trailed us to UTC Junction and opened fire on my car. Our car, however, did a detour first to Aba road, then to old GRA with the two jeeps still trailing us. We drove to the DSS office to seek refuge and on getting to the gate the unknown gunmen opened fire again at the DSS men on guard.

"The exchange of fire between the DSS men and the assailants lasted for more than 30 minutes. In the course of the exchange of fire, my Police detail, Cpl Emma Esi was shot at and seriously injured. This is a very ugly experience but I thank God that my colleagues and I escaped

When the DSS men demobilized the two jeeps, we found out that the man at the back of the car who was identifying us to the assailants was Wike's Chief of Staff, Emeka Woke. He has been arrested by the DSS.

### My CS lost an aide—Wike

Meantime, Governor Nyesom Wike, who spoke generally on the re-run elections to newsmen in Government House said the aide to his Chief of

detailed his Chief of Staff, Mr Woke to monitor the rerun election result of Local Ikwerre Government (the local council of former governor Chibuike Amaechi) to where ever they were taking it to in

He accused Peterside and his team of allegedly opening fire on his Chief of Staff, saying the aide of his Chief of Staff died suspects

Bolanta immediately from the

'As I talk to you now, my chief of staff said his aide had been shot dead. Dakuku and his team

trailed him from Isiokpo where he had gone to monitor movement of result from Ikwerre local government area and shot around

junction," he said.

Describing the alleged act as extreme desperation by those trying to allegedly tamper with the result of Ikwerre local government, the governor said never in all his years in politics had he seen the huge involvement of military men in elections in the country.

## Wike, Amaechi, clash again at

Governor Nyesom Wike and the Minister of Transportation, Chibuike Amaechi, clashed again, yesterday, at Mile 1 Police station over result for Ward 10 in Port Harcourt City local government.

Assistant

death

newspapers.

General of Police, Zone 6,

Mr Baba Bolanta said 24

suspects were arrested at

different locations during

the rerun elections in the

The zonal Police Chief

said that only four persons

died during the elections

in the state. He said he

was embarrassed by the

outrageous figures of

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His words: "It is

pertinent I let you know that we have 24 suspects

comprising 22 males and

2 females in police

custody, who were arrested from different

parts of the state. They are

presently undergoing

allegations of criminal or

electoral offences or both.

I was startled this

morning after seeing

outrageous figures of

deaths associated with

elections as dished out by

the media. To keep the records straight, four deaths were recorded

with two in Buguma

while Nonwa Tai and

Omuanwa each recorded

elections in 8 LGs

suspension of rerun

elections in additional two

local governments, taking

the number of councils

where polls have suspended to eight,

Rivers State Resident

Electoral Commissioner,

REC, Mr Aniedi Ikoiwak,

in a statement, yesterday,

said the commission was

still collating results and

studying details around

So far, the local

government areas where

elections have been

suspended are Andoni,

Asari Toru, Gokana,

Khana, Tai, Eleme, Etche

Sagay decries

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violence that rocked the

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**INEC** cancels

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Leaders of the two political parties stormed the Police station with their supporters. On the side of the Minister of Transportation, Mr Amaechi were the Acting Managing Director, Niger Development Delta Commission, NDDC, Mrs Ibim Semenitari; DG NIMASA, and governorship candidate of the APC, Dr Dakuku Peterside and state Chairman of the APC, Dr Davies Ibiama.

Those who came with Governor Wike were the former Deputy Speaker of House Chief Representatives, Austin Opara; former Local Chairman, Service government Commission, Mr Azubike Emeregini; Senatorial candidate of the PDP for Rivers East, Chief George Sekibo and others.

party About 500 supporters, who took over the premises of the Police station, spilled over to the ever busy Ikwerre road.

There was also heavy security presence as soldiers, policemen and men of the Department of State Service, DSS, who accompanied the party leaders positioned themselves strategically in the premises.

Vanguard gathered that the party leaders stormed the police station over the Ward 10 PHALG Collation officer, Mrs Ekwe Adebisa, that was in the Police station.

On the incident at Mile 1 Police station, Governor Wike said he went to the station when he was told that a candidate of his party, Blessing Nsiegbe was arrested by the Police and detained at the station.

"I got a text that one of the candidates of my party, Blessing Nsiegbe was abducted and was at Mile one Police station. We drove down to see things. I saw her there.

# We've arrested 24 suspects - AIG

for electoral offences, just as the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC,

POLITICIAN dadadekola@yahoo.com 08052201913 Corruption Committee suspended the rerun Prof Itse Sagay, SAN, called on the Federal elections in additional two local governments, thus Government to dismantle bringing the number of obstacles preventing the conduct of free and fair local government areas where it suspended elections in Rivers State. elections in eight. Inspector

Sagay said: "Mark what am saying. What you have everywhere is organised rigging and writing of results. I said it so many times and that is why the Supreme Court decision on governorship elections in those areas is still a mystery to me. Now, why too much there violence? There violence because for the first time, the Federal Government tried to institute free and fair elections by injecting a lot of security personnel who will stop the usual hijacking of election materials.



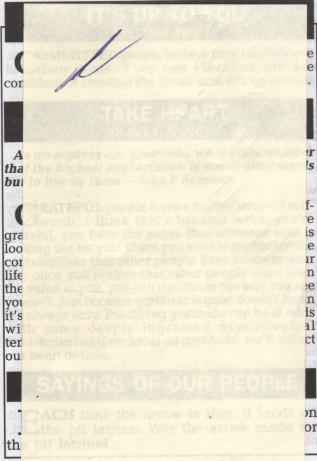
Retired Commissioner, Alhaji Abubakar Tsav, said: "The situation is very sad. During the administration of former President Goodluck Jonathan, the foundation for this manner of violence was laid in Rivers State. We recall that Mrs Patience Jonathan once snatched a microphone from then Governor Rotimi Amaechi, creating the foundation for the violence that followed later in that dispensation.

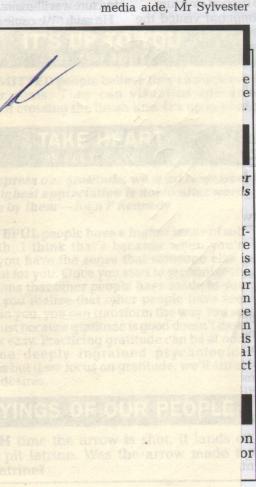
"Unless the government does something decisive on the issue, we may experience such degree of violence in subsequent elections in the state.'

#### **Hold Buhari** responsible -Fayose

Governor of Ekiti State, Mr Ayodele Fayose said President Muhammadu Buhari has a lot of explanations to do over the violence and loss of lives being witnessed in Rivers State.

According to Fayose, members of the APC were emboldened to unleash violence on the people of Rivers State and other parts of the country because they know that President Buhari won't lift a finger against any of his party members perpetrating evil."





# Stafff, Mr Emeka Woke died in the shooting. According to him, he the state capital.

Meantime, the Police have arrested 24 persons