

Bandits kill 3 PDP delegates on way back home to pick ID card in Niger ②

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MINNA— THREE of the 13 delegates from Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State going for the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, governorship primary election in the state capital were, Wednesday, attacked and killed by bandits on their way back home to obtain their means of identification.

Though their identities were not disclosed, the victims were two women and a male.

The remaining 10 delegates broke the sad news to the Chairman of the State Electoral panel and Deputy

Governor of Bayelsa State, Mr Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, at the party's secretariat, Minna, the venue of the governorship primary.

The chairman then ordered the delegates to observe a minute silence in honour of the departed souls.

He also consulted with all the aspirants for the replacement of the three dead delegates, which they consented to after a brief deliberation.

Those who lost their lives in the incident were later substituted to complete the number of delegates from the local government.

In an interview, one of the delegates, Shehu Haruna, told journalists that the incident happened between Mariga and Teginia and four person lost their lives.

"We left Minna in the late hours after PDP had postponed the governorship primaries to Thursday and directed us to go back for our voter's card or any means of identification.

"We were returning home to get our means of identification and on the road, we ran into bandits who opened fire on our vehicle.

"Though we were able to escape since the driver was not hit but four people died instantly," he declared.