

SUPPLEMENTARY POLLS: Violence, vote-buying reign as APC, NNPP, others win seats

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SOME of the supplementary elections for two governorships, five senatorial, 31 House of Representatives and 57 state assembly seats across 17 states were marred by violence, vote-buying and other glitches leading to the death of no fewer than four persons, yesterday.

The deaths were recorded in Kano and Kebbi states.

Indeed, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, arrested 12 persons in Kano and Katsina states over alleged vote-buying.

In many polling units and constituencies, there were impressive turnouts of voters and balloting was seamless. There was impressive turnout of voters in many polling units in Ogbia Constituency II, Bayelsa State.

Already, the ruling All Progressives Congress, won two senatorial seats in Yobe and Plateau and state assembly seats in Ekiti and Ogun among others.

Also, the New Nigeria Peoples Party, NNPP, maintained its dominance in Kano, winning two more state assembly slots.

EFCC arrests 12 for vote-buying in Kano, Katsina

The EFCC said it arrested 12 persons for alleged vote buying in Kano and Katsina states.

The EFCC Kano Zonal Commander, Faruk Dogondaji, told the News Agency of Nigeria that the suspects were arrested with N1.5 million cash in both states.

According to him, 10 were arrested in Doguwa Local Government Area (LGA) of Kano State and two in Kankiya LGA of Katsina State.

Dogondaji said that the suspects were arrested while attempting to induce eligible voters with cash in some polling units.

He said that the 10 suspects were apprehended with N1,357,500 million in Doguwa LGA, while the two suspects were arrested with N242,000 in Kankiya LGA.

The EFCC commander said the suspects would be charged to court after investigation.

3 killed, 3 houses set ablaze in Kano LGA

No fewer than three persons were reportedly killed while three houses were set ablaze during a clash between residents and thugs who invaded Wudil LGA of Kano State.

The thugs were said to have invaded the area to disrupt the

supplementary election as they insisted on voting but were prevented by the residents at a location between Uta and Achika district area.

The incident happened before our eyes. At least three persons were killed in the clash. About three houses including the house of the LGA Chairman were burnt.

"We learnt some thugs were brought to the area to disrupt the election. They were heavily armed while the residents too armed themselves to prevent them from disrupting the exercise," a source said.

Similarly, violence marred the supplementary polls in Kwacin, Kuma Gabas area of Fagge LGA and Zangon Marikita, Ungogo LGA of Kano State.

The Presiding Officer of the Kwacin, Kuma Gabas area, Polling Unit 30 of Fagge LGA, Mustapha Sagir Umar said they started the accreditation and voting exercise in the area some minutes past 10am and the thugs disrupted the exercise twice before normalcy returned to the area.

The story was not different in Zangon Marikita, Ungogo LGA of the state where voting was disrupted but later continued after the police restored normalcy.

Man shot dead for snatching ballot box in Kebbi

A yet-to-be-identified man was reportedly shot dead by soldiers on patrol at Bajda polling unit 001, Fakai LGA of Kebbi State while trying to snatch a ballot box from officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, during the election.

According to eyewitnesses, the deceased was a member of the proscribed Yansakai, a local volunteer vigilante group.

He was said to have intruded into the polling unit claiming to be a security agent.

"He and his group rushed to the polling unit trying to snatch the ballot box as INEC officials were moving the ballot box to the collation centre.

"Efforts to stop him by people at the polling unit failed and as he struggled to collect the gun from a soldier he was shot by another soldier," an eyewitness said.

Also, there was stampede at 009 polling units in Takalau area of Birnin Kebbi, the state capital leading to many being injured.

The stampede was caused by a soldier who fired rubber bullets in the air to scare thugs. In the melee, a woman fainted, one other fractured his limbs and others sustained injuries.

Angry youths in the area were heard shouting "we rather die than allow the army to molest our mothers and elder sister who came to cast their ballots. It is either the military leaves or we take on them; our aged mothers on the queue must be protected."

One Dan Asabe who volunteered to speak on behalf of the youth said that the mili-

tary just came to destabilize the polls saying voters were in line already when they came and began to beat women including a pregnant woman. "The solution is the military must leave and leave us with the police otherwise what will happen won't be good."

Thuggery, vote-buying hold sway in Ogbaru

Thuggery and vote-buying, missing results sheets, and snatching of ballot boxes and late arrival of INEC officials were rampant in many polling units in Ogbaru federal constituency of Anambra State during the supplementary election in which Afam Ogene of LP Chu Onyema of PDP and Arinze Awogu of APC are the leading candidates in the poll.

Ogene of LP was leading before INEC declared the election inconclusive on February 25.

While thugs were moving from place to place in the local government and harassing voters suspected not to be for their candidate, agents of the parties were busy soliciting for votes with cash.

This was in spite of the massive deployment of security officials, including police, navy and army.

At Manus primary school, Okpoko Ward 6, suspected thugs almost attacked journalists covering the election.

At Okpoko Ward 3, polling unit 004 at St Luke's Anglican Church, party agents were seen making payments to voters who voted for their candidate.

Speaking on the issue, the Anambra state Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Mr. Ifeanyi Okoma, said that neither the state government under the leadership of Governor Charles Soludo nor the All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA, was involved in vote buying exercise he said was perpetrated by other political parties in the state.

Okoma who stated this at Amazu Ward 5, Amazu polling Unit 009, during the House of Representatives supplementary election in Ogbaru LGA said APGA had been winning elections in Anambra without vote-buying.

Corps member reportedly shot in Akwa Ibom

The polls in Ikono/Ini and Abak/Itim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituencies in Akwa Ibom State witnessed pockets of violence and irregularities.

According to a source, a male corps member serving as Ad-hoc staff at Ikot Efre, Itak unit 2, in Itak ward 11 was beaten mercilessly by suspected political thugs.

The Corps, according to the source, was rushed to a hospital where he is receiving treatment.

Some sources also claimed that the Corps was shot on his leg while few other people were seriously injured when armed thugs attacked voters in Ikono LGA.

The residence of a PDP stakeholder in Itak Ward Eleven, Mr Itoke Columba, was

also attacked by hoodlums.

The contest for the Ikono/Ini federal House seat is between incumbent House of Representatives member Mr. Emmanuel Ukpong Udo, who moved from the PDP to the Young Progressives Party, YPP to seek second time re-election and the PDP candidate and immediate Past Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr Glory Edeh.

Similarly, political thugs reportedly disrupted the exercise in Etim Ekpo LGA Ward 7 at Ibio Nnung Achat community and Etok Urak Eshiet Ward 3, by hijacking election Materials.

Sunday Vanguard reliably gathered from an INEC official that BVAs were snatched at some polling units in Etim Ekpo LGA at about 9:00am on Saturday.

When contacted for confirmation of the beating of the Corps member, the Head of Department Voter Education and Publicity, Mr. Odaro Aisien, said he was yet to receive details of the incident from the area.

Anxiety as INEC bars Journalists from collation in Adamawa

In Adamawa, there was palpable anxiety at the INEC headquarters in Yola as officials of the commission denied journalists access to the collation centre, yesterday.

Accredited journalists were shocked when they were turned away by stern looking policemen who said they were given orders from above

not to allow any journalist to enter the collation centre.

There was palpable apprehension across the state over alleged behind the scene moves by some elements to undermine the electoral process.

At the time of filing this report, the returning officers of INEC were still at the state headquarters of the electoral umpire.

Late arrival of materials mars polls in Sokoto

In Sokoto State, the polls were marred by late arrival of materials leading to anger among voters including women.

Dr Balarabe Shehu Kakale Shuni, a National Assembly member representing Bodinga/Dange Shuni/Itureta Federal Constituency, who spoke to reporters at polling unit 017, expressed dismay and disappointment over the electoral umpire's action.

"The supplementary election ought to have started by 8am but the election materials are yet to arrive at polling units as at 10:am," he said.

Snatching of ballot boxes, voters' suppression reign in Imo

In Imo state, the House of Representatives and state House of Assembly make-up polls were marred by snatching of ballot boxes, and intimidation by suspected security operatives.

In Ideato South State Constituency, Isu State Constituency, Ahiazu Mbaise State Constituency, and Mbaitoli/Ikeduru federal constituency, hoodlums backed by suspected security operatives allegedly disrupted the elections.

The hoodlums disrupted and snatched the ballot box at Umuarusi Amandugba hall in the Isu LGA at about

9.19am.

The thugs invaded the area despite the heavy presence of security men.

However, voters have expressed fears over the security armored vehicle patrolling the area before the snatching of the box.

A similar incident happened at 005 polling units in Ugbele in Ideato South among other areas.

It was also alleged that in the Ezinihitte ward in Mbaitoli LGA suspected thugs hijacked ballot boxes.

NNPP wins two more seats in Kano

Meanwhile, the INEC has declared NNPP candidates as winners of two more state assembly seats in Kano State.

The party won in Garko and Wudil constituencies.

The INEC Returning Officer for the election in Wudil, Prof. Surajo Mahmud Umar declared Abdullahi Ali Wudil Manager of the NNPP as the winner after polling 21,766 votes against his closest rival and APC candidate, Abdullahi Nuhu Achika, who scored 20,806 votes.

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