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Reactions and petitions have continued to trail the recently concluded PDP state wide primary elections in Adamawa state.

In Adamawa Central senatorial district, Governor Murtala Nyako's Chief of Staff Bello Tukur clinched the party's nomination, having polled 1095 votes of the delegates.

David Garvna, who scored 378 votes, came second, while Senator Abubakar Girei got 185 votes to place third. On the eve of the primaries, two-term and incumbent Senator representing Adamawa Central, Jibril Aminu, withdrew from the race.

Also, incumbent Senator representing Adamawa North district, Mohammed Mana, was defeated by Jibrilla Bindo, who got 626 votes.

Mana placed second with 474 votes, Zira Maigadi secured 162 votes, while Terry Vahyla got 21.

Incumbent Senator Grace Bent of Adamawa Southern Senatorial also lost out to former member of the House of Representatives, Ahmed Barata.

Barata, presently the Chairman of Shelleng local government, emerged winner with 738 votes, while the Chairman of Demsa local government area, Felix Tangwami, came second with 545 votes.

Bent polled 406 votes of the delegates to come a distant third, with Yakubu Patricia having 306 votes, Bridget Zidon 62 and Honest Stephen Irmiya three votes.

Meanwhile, Bent has petitioned the Chairman of the Appeal Panel Committee on the PDP National Assembly Primary Elections to declare as null and void the result of the poll that returned the Chairman of Shelleng local government area, Ahmed Barata, as the winner of the senatorial primaries for the zone.

Bent alleged that the election was a "charade as its conduct negated the practice and enthronement of internal democracy in the country's political system."

Addressing newsmen at the state Secretariat of the Nigeria Union of Journalist (NUJ), Bent accused Ahmed Barata and another aspirant, Felix Tangwami, of "intimidating delegates to either vote for them against their will or be removed as delegates from their various local governments."

She, therefore, prayed the party hierarchy "to cancel this false and already doctored result that was orchestrated through intimidation and threats to the delegates and gross usage of monies to canvass for votes openly thereby disallowing delegates to elect their preferred candidate for fear of molestation."