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Nigeria: Two PDP Members Die in Zamfara

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Gusau — At least two people died and two others injured over the weekend in Birnin Magaji local government of Zamfara State when the two factions of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) engaged in a scuffle.

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The two factions of the party barricaded the main road leading to the venue where a wedding was taking place at Brinin Magaji which both the state governor, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi and his aides attended the ceremony.

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An eye witness who was at the scene of the incident told Daily Champion that the old and new PDP members were protesting that the incumbent member of the House of Representative in the zone Hon. Dahiru, Zubairu should not contest in 2011 while others wanted him back.

He said when the security operatives refused to let the youths into the wedding venue, it did not go down well with the political thugs because

they wanted to beat those in support of the incumbent member of the House of Representatives.

Investigation further revealed that security operatives intervened so as not to allow the situation to escalate but the thugs started beating the supporters of the lawmaker thereby killing two and injuring two others in the process.

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Daily Champion's gathered that the governor, Alhaji Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi and his aides left the venue of the wedding a convoy to avoid being attacked by the thugs.

It was learnt that the two youths died instantly while those injured were taken to Farida Hospital in Gusau where they are responding to treatment.

Efforts to speak to the secretary of the PDP, Alhaji Musa Zubairu over the incident failed as all the key officials of the government left the venue immediately.

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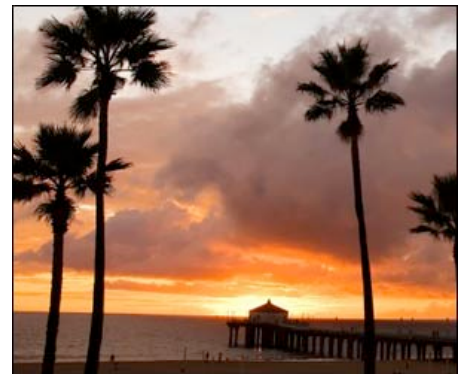


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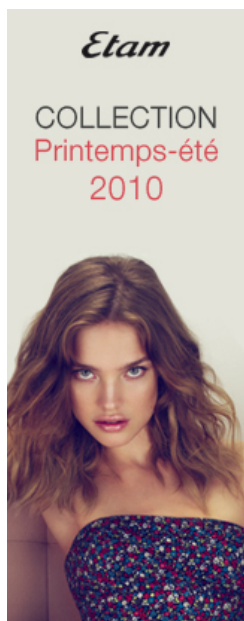
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