

# News

## One dead, eight injured as Jigawa ANPP factions clash

**O**ne person is feared dead, while eight others were confirmed injured following a clash between ANPP factions in Dutse, the Jigawa state capital at the weekend.

The clash occurred when a procession of campaigners for the governorship candidature of Honourable Farooq Adamu Aliyu passed through the former headquarters of the ANPP led by Mouhammadu Daguro.

An eye witness account says shouts of 'Sai Farroq' by

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Dutse

the supporters of Farooq Adamu Aliyu and 'Karyarku' by the supporters of the dissolved former leadership was accompanied with stone throwing as fighting erupts between the two groups.

Many people sustained injuries while several vehicles had windscreens shattered in the scuffle that lasted for about three hours.

It took the intervention of the police to restore peace

and order.

Police public relations officer, ASP Ejike Nwakalor confirmed the incident, but however, said the police was yet to confirm the reported case of death during the skirmishes.

He said investigations are on to ascertain the cause of the fight, describing the development as unfortunate and capable of breeding serious political unrest in the state.

ASP Ejike added that the police will soon call a meeting

of all politicians in the state with a view to arresting the ugly situation that is fast become a recurring episode in the state.

Meanwhile, the Dutse high court ruling preventing Honorable Saidu Miga from parading himself as the state chairman of the ANPP has been described as a slap on the judiciary.

The ANPP governorship aspirant, Honorable Farooq Aliyu, told newsmen in Dutse that the judgement shows the judiciary is yet to clean itself

of bad eggs.

He added that since the national headquarters of the ANPP announced the dissolution of all party structures at the state and local government level coupled with the fact that

everyone knows that the entire Jigawa state government including the Muhammadu Daguro faction have publicly declared for the PDP, it is uncalled for the judge to declare an exparte motion in the case.

### South-South councilors want greater autonomy for councils

**T**he South-South Councilors' Forum has called for greater autonomy and responsibility for councilors in local governments for effective governance at the grassroots.

They also want the federal government to channel its poverty alleviation programmes through the wards to create more impact.

The forum is expected to table its resolutions before next Wednesday's Uyo South-South councilors' conference on "Appraising Government socio-economic Development".

The spokesman for the

forum and Secretary of Akwa Ibom councilors, Mr. Isongide Inyang, told newsmen at the weekend in Uyo that issues of youth restiveness in the Niger Delta would be discussed.

He said no fewer than 1,000 councilors would attend the conference where 55 categories of awards would be given to deserving indigenes.

Inyang said although the local governments, would be better governed if the administration was decentralised, but many councilors lacked the mental and material capacities for such offices.

