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The Niger State government yesterday declared a curfew effective from 8:00 am to 6:00pm in Minna, Bida, Suleja, Kontagora and new Busa following the fracas that hit the state yesterday.

The curfew according to the police, is to douse the tension caused by the civil disturbance that marred public and private businesses in the state following the outcome of last Saturday's presidential election. The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Bala Hassan, yesterday in Minna while addressing journalists on the security development in the state disclosed that the police were already cleaning the streets of persons involved in the crisis.

While people claimed that not less than four people were killed as a result of the clash between the protesters and members of security forces, the commissioner of police said he could not confirm the casualty figure.

He however disclosed that a police officer was seriously wounded and his house was set ablaze by the protesters. While investigation revealed that five churches, three located at the Angwar Kaje area, one in Shago and one at Maitumbi area were burnt, Mr Bala said only five vehicles and two churches were torched in the crisis.

Other public property including the Minna Centenary Round-about still under construction at the Kpakungu area and a campaign office of the PDP were burnt.

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