

Three teens killed in Kaduna political clash

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Three teenage boys were killed in a clash between political groups at the Gwong Day annual cultural festival on Saturday in Fadan Kagoma, Kaduna State, Daily Trust learnt yes-terday.

The clash, the latest in the series of political violence since the commencement of campaigns last year, further highlights the fragility of the recent peace pact signed by governorship candidates and security forces in the state.

A source said commotion ensued shortly after the arrival of some invited guests when party supporters began to chant slogans.

"Party loyalists later started hurling pebbles and destroying vehicles. They also attacked people with sharp objects. Two boys who were just passing by were stabbed and later died. Another boy who was apparently confused during the violence was run over by a speeding car while trying to cross the road. Many vehicles were damaged", a source said.

The PDP senatorial candidate in the area, Dr. Danjuma La'ah, said hoodlums after the clash destroyed their billboards in Kafanchan, Kagoro and Samaru Kataf in an attempt to incite PDP supporters. He said he was humiliated by some miscreants during the incident.

The spokesman of the APC governorship campaign team, Samuel Aruwan, said about 16 vehicles belonging to the party's senatorial candidate, Dr. Ishaku Shekarau, were destroyed.

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