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One killed, another injured in Kano APC clash

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One person was killed, yesterday, and another injured, following a clash between members of the two factions of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kano State.

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With the APC in Kano sharply divided between supporters of Governor Abdullahi Ganduje and his predecessor, Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, there were manifest signs of crisis in how the ruling APC in the state was managed at both the state and local government levels.

Yesterday's crisis erupted at the party's secretariat, situated along Maiduguri Road, in Kano metropolis, when some political thugs from Bagwai Local Government Area, who accompanied some party chieftains to the secretariat, started shouting 'Bama yi,' meaning, 'we don't like Alhaji Abdullahi Abbas,' who is the factional chairman of the party loyal to Ganduje.

It was gathered that soon after the thugs started chanting the protest slogan, some people suspected to be Abbas's loyalists, engaged them in a free-for-all fight.

An APC member, who pleaded for anonymity, told the Daily Trust that hundreds of party's supporters, from Garko, Bagwai and Warawa local government areas, came to the secretariat to register their allegiance to Abdullahi Abbas, but because the party chairman in Bagwai is ex-governor Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso's loyalist, some thugs decided to boo Abbas.

"And unfortunately, Abbas's supporters reacted violently and the development resulted in a clash that led to the death of one person while another one was injured," he added.

He said that but for the timely intervention of police, the casualty figure would have been higher.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relation Officer, DSP

Magaji Musa Majia, said that one person was killed and another injured during the clash.

"We have arrested seven suspects and recovered two vehicles, knives, cutlasses and some wrapped substances suspected to be Indian hemp," he said.

Majia added that the Kano State Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Rabi'u Yusuf, has directed for the transfer of the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for further investigation.

He warned political thugs in the state to desist from actions capable of creating chaos in the state, saying that the police would not allow miscreants to hold the state ransom.



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