

Governor, Mr Richard Tokma, during the minister's visit to the scene of the attacks in Jos yesterday

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One feared dead during APC NASS primaries in Abuja

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The All Progressives Congress (APC) House of Representatives primaries in Kuje and some locations in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were marred with violence and chaos.

A relaxation spot and event centre belonging to Danladi Etsu Zhin, one of the aspirants in the primaries and some private property were burnt by suspected hoodlums while several people were injured in the mayhem in Kuje.

The cause of the violence could not be confirmed but some witnesses said it was as a result of the

venue for the primary in Kuje ward.

Other residents said the crisis started when news filtered in that one of the aspirants was leading as some supporters alleged irregularities in the process.

Also a member of the APC, Yahaya Ishaku said the incident happened around 2: pm after some members of the party at Kuje central suspected a foul play that election materials have been diverted.

When contacted, the special adviser to the chairman of Kuje Area council on Media and Publicity, Haruna Usman, said he was not aware of death of an APC member in the area.

Violence was also recorded at Gwagwa Ward in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) yesterday.

A top government functionary in the ward who pleaded anonymity said some hoodlums who disrupted the Senatorial primary held in the ward on Friday returned for reprisal attack.

"We are able to calm the situation before it degenerated and everything went well," he said.

Efforts to speak with the FCT police command spokesman, DSP Anjuguri Manza, were not successful as he did not pick calls put across to him.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the National Working Committee on the conduct of the National Assembly primaries in the FCT, Benjamin Imeogu is yet to announce the result of the party's senatorial primary held on Friday.

Robbers kill NUJ Vice chairman, wounded 12 others