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Students of University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) at the kick-off of the Fidelity Youth Empowerment Academy in the campus, last week.

2 Feared Dead, As INEC Suspends Kano Assembly Poll

From: Murtala Muhammed, Kano.

At least two persons were feared dead and many wounded at Minjibir local government council of Kano State, yesterday, as the conduct of State Assembly Bye-election turned violent.

Several vehicles, including two Hilux vans belonging to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and other private individuals were torched at one of the primary schools used as voting centers in the

KANO

town.

As at the time of filing this report, INEC announced the indefinite suspension of the election, alleging harassment of officials and snatching of sensitive electoral materials.

Announcing the suspension, INEC Commissioner Alhaji Abdullah Adamu Kawgama, told journalists that the decision became necessary due to violence and snatching of electoral

Many Injured, Several Vehicles Burnt.

materials that characterized the exercise.

Adamu added: "We have no alternative than to invoke section 26 of Electoral Act 2010, to suspend the election after high level of tension, harassment of our officials and destruction of materials."

However, Kano State Commissioner of Police, Abbati Maigari Dikko, debunked insinuations that insufficient deployment of

security men gave room for the violence, insisting that adequate security personnel were mobilised for the conduct of the election.

Dikko who declined to give the number of casualties recorded during the clashes, confirmed that the Police have arrested many political thugs, some of who sustained injuries.

The bye-election to fill Minjibir Constituency seat, followed the death of All

Progressives Congress (APC) member, Alhaji Hamisu Garba Gurjiya, who passed on two months ago.

Eyewitness told *The Guardian* that the two casualties occurred when two groups of political thugs allegedly hired by some politicians clashed, during which several people were wounded.

Fayose Lauds Workers

From: Muiyiwa Adeyemi (Head South West Bureau Ado Ekiti)

EKITI State Governor, Mr. Ayodele Fayose has commended workers in the

Northern Govs Move Against Provocative Preaching