

Two People Killed In Bauchi As Supporters Of PDP, ANPP Clash

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Two people have been confirmed dead following the political crisis that erupted aftermath of the People Democratic Party(PDP) North East presidential rally held in Bauchi. The killings occurred in Nassarawa Jahun as other people sustained injuries in the crisis.

Police commissioner, Mohammed Aminu Yusuf, said one person was confirmed dead while seven people had been arrested and now, assisting in investigation.

Yusuf explained that aftermath of the PDP presidential rally, supporters of All Nigeria People

Party(ANPP) and People Democratic Party(PDP) clashed which led to a ward office belonging to the ANPP razed down while vehicles belonging to individuals were torched by hoodlums.

The police commissioner explained that prior to the PDP rally, his command had issued a strong warning banning all political rallies in the state except the PDP presidential rally which he said, had been permitted to hold

It would be recalled that the PDP presidential rally ended abruptly following the tension generated by the supporters of Taraba state gubernatorial candidate, who was dropped as he was not given the mandate to contest election under the party. This development cre-

ated serious security problem that led the president, Olusegun Obasanjo to hurriedly conclude his speech as supporters of Danladi Baido stormed the venue of the rally in their large numbers.

The rally ended abruptly as those billed to speak were not given the opportunity, due to the security problem generated by the development.

However, the North East Zonal Chairman, Paul Wampana, had assured that those candidates who did not get their flag would be given later. This explanation did not go down well with Danladi Baido supporters who threatened to pull down the podium.

It took the personal intervention

of governor Jolly Nyame to appeal to the teeming supporters to calm them down. The crisis that occurred in Bauchi could not be said to spill over of the Tafawa Balewa crisis. At the stadium, it was between the supporters of PDP in Taraba State while the crisis that occurred in Nassarawa Jahun, was between supporters of ANPP and PDP.

Reacting to the burning down of ANPP ward office, the media coordinator of Isa Yuguda campaign organisation, Ahmed Yerima, has disassociated ANPP supporters from the event. Speaking to Daily Independent, Yerima accused PDP supporters who fermented problem following their disappointment.