

# 10 killed in Bauchi post-election violence

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TEN persons were killed in Bauchi State yesterday after the presidential election on Saturday.

Cars, motorcycles, building and other valuables were destroyed.

Irate youths, suspected to be supporters of the Congress for Progressive Congress (CPC), allegedly beat up some persons at various polling units.

Eyewitnesses said the youths were protesting “insufficient ballot papers” at their polling units.

In Azare, headquarters of Katagum Local Government, the youths set ablaze the homes of the state Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chairman, Ibrahim Yaro-Yaro and the Deputy National Secretary, Dr. Musa Babayo.

Other property belonging to PDP members were also burnt.

Sources said shops, business centres and vehicles were razed at Alkaleri Local Government in Bauchi South.

They said the Chairman of Kirfi Local Government, Ibrahim Galadima and his counterpart in Bauchi council, Sabo Abdullahi Mohammed, were molested and their vehicles burnt.

It was learnt that at Misau in Bauchi Central, the family home of the Secretary to the State Government, Ibrahim Ahmed Dandija, was burnt by angry youths.

A National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) member, an Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) ad hoc worker, was beaten up.

He is said to be receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Bauchi.

The irate youths also burnt the campaign office of Governor Isa Yuguda on Ran Road in Bauchi.

Several vehicles said to be owned by PDP agents were torched.

Youths in the state capital blocked Ahmadu Bello Way leading to the Sa'adu Zungur Model School, which was a Collation Centre.

In Wuntin-Dada and Guru, suburbs of Bauchi, three persons were killed by angry youths, who were allegedly annoyed that PDP won at some of the polling units.

Two persons were killed at Kofar-Dumi, behind the emir's palace in Bauchi.

Security men and riot policemen were deployed in strategic places to maintain peace.

Unconfirmed reports said the police arrested some political thugs, called *Sara Sukas*.

Efforts to reach the interim Police Commissioner, Ammama John Abakasanga, and Police spokesman Mohammad Barau were unsuccessful.

CPC supporters allegedly torched a section of the home of Bida Local Government Chairman, Alhaji Bako Ndayawo, in Niger State, on Friday.

Ndayawo was accused of removing General Muhammadu Buhari's posters.

Sources said some youths in Mokola alleged that the council chairman hired thugs to remove posters of the CPC presidential candidate.

An eyewitness, Mallam Kabiru Ndako, said the youths mobilised others to storm the chairman's house.

Ndayawo escaped, but his vehicle, a motorcycle and other property were destroyed.

Soldiers from Litany Barracks in Bida and policemen were drafted to the scene.

The Chairman of the House of Assembly Committee on Information and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate for Bida 1, Isah Kawu, described the incident as unfortunate and "uncalled for".

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed on Adamawa State yesterday by Governor Murtala Nyako following post election violence in Mubi and Yola. Supporters of the CPC allegedly unleashed violence on supporters of other parties over the declaration of President Goodluck Jonathan as the winner of the election. Over 10 houses and shops were burnt.