

# Two killed in attempt to invade Etsu Nupe's palace

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Two persons were feared killed yesterday in [Bida](#), Niger State during a face-off between a joint security patrol and protesters.

It was during an attempt by the protesters, mostly youths, to invade the palace of [the Etsu Nupe](#), Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar.

The monarch was said to have incurred the wrath of the youths following allegation that he supported the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in last Saturday's presidential election.

Five others were injured in the melee.

The protesters, had on Monday waited for the monarch to return from [Minna](#), where he went to attend an enlarged state Security Council meeting, but were dispersed by security agents.

As soon as it was dawn yesterday, the youths gathered in [Esso](#) area of the town and marched towards the Wadata palace of [the Etsu Nupe](#).

It was gathered that the youths are supporters of the Congress for Progressive Change ([CPC](#)) presidential candidate, Gen. Muhammadu Buhari. They alleged that the Etsu gave his support to their 'perceived opponent'.

An eye witness, who pleaded anonymity, said: "The youths, who had gathered at Esso in the early hours of today (Tuesday) refused the warning of the joint security patrol team to disperse; this led to a face off, and in the course of shooting by the securitymen, some people were injured."

The injured have been rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Bida for treatment.

Those hit by the bullets were identified as; Ba Nnagi, Mohammed Khalil, Ndagi Zubairu, Oba Adewale and Umar Adamu.

An official of the Federal Medical Centre, Bida, confirmed the development. He said five people

were rushed to the hospital with various degrees of injuries.

The source said one of the victims was rushed to the theatre for surgical operation. The rest are responding to treatment, he said.

As of the time of this report, normalcy has returned. Men of the joint security force have taken control of the situation.

Police Public Relations Officer Richard Oguche said he was yet to get comprehensive report of the incident.