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Three feared dead in Kaduna fracas

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•*El-Rufai condemns incident*

Three persons were said to have died when a jubilation turned into a fracas at Angwan Dawa in Lere Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The Caretaker Committee Chairman of Lere Local Government, Mr. Ibrahim Abdulkarim, confirmed the incident to reporters yesterday.

He said more than five people were receiving treatment in Saminaka General Hospital.

A resident, Abubakar Sani, said supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) took to the streets, celebrating the party's victory in the governorship election and for winning two House of Assembly seats in the council.

It was learnt that the jubilating youths went to Angwan Dawa, an area described as a Peoples Democratic Party's (PDP's) stronghold, beating drums and singing.

"This did not go down well with youths in the area, as they attacked the group, resulting in a fight and the death of one of the jubilating youths."

The Nation gathered that the jubilating youths retreated and launched a reprisal, which resulted in the death of two people and burnt property.

Police spokesman Zubairu Abubakar confirmed the incident, saying two people were injured and receiving treatment in a hospital.

Abubakar said security agencies, comprising Army, Civil Defence and Police had restored peace and suspects arrested.

Kaduna State Governor-elect Nasir El-Rufai has condemned the incident.

He said miscreants caused the violence, which led to the imposition of a curfew and the deployment of police and soldiers.

A statement by his spokesman, Samuel Aruwan, said: "El-Rufai condemns the violence. He appeals to the residents of Saminaka to unite for peace and urges the violence to stop. He enjoins security agencies to stop the violence."

The governor-elect consoled the bereaved families and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

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