

Suspected political thugs kill teacher in Bauchi

A SCHOOL teacher was beaten to death in Bauchi by suspected political thugs, amid concern

about the rising wave of political violence in the state.

The Bauchi State Police Command confirmed the teach-

er's death but could not give details.

The police public relations officer, Malam Alhassan Guga, told journalists in Bauchi that the teacher was attacked by some political thugs who apparently mistook him for a police officer.

Guga said the thugs, armed with clubs and machetes, beat the man to death at the Nasarawa-Jahun quarters in the Bauchi metropolis.

He said the corpse of the teacher had been deposited at the mortuary of the Bauchi Specialist Hospital.

He, however, denied the speculations that the deceased was a police officer, saying investigations into the incident were still ongoing.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that two suspected political thugs were killed and many others wounded in separate clashes between Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) supporters in the state.

Meanwhile, the state police commissioner, Alhaji Aminu Yesufu, warned the governorship candidates of the two political parties about the wave of

political violence in the state.

Yesufu who invited the candidates to a meeting, noted that the violence in the state had become a source of concern to the police.

He warned that the police would deal decisively with parties or candidates found to be harbouring thugs.

Yesufu reiterated that the police was determined to ensure a peaceful conduct of the April elections and charged all the political parties to disband their groups of thugs.

The PDP governorship candidate, Alhaji Nadada Umar, and his ANPP counterpart, Malam Isa Yuguda, pledged to collaborate with the police to stem violence, ahead of the elections.

"We will never foster violence through the use of thugs and we shall do everything to stamp out

the menace," Nadada said.

Besides, Yuguda said he had trained about 2,000 youths in various trades and skills, as a way of reducing youth unemployment and discouraging thuggery.

He pledged to work closely with his PDP counterpart to promote peace and harmony in the state.



Chief of Kaduna State, Alhaji Hassan Sani Kontagora (Magajin) Chairman of RTEAN when leaders of RTEAN of Kaduna State met to the governor as their patron recently. Photo: UMARU BALANGA

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out the 774 local government areas in the federation.

"We also took note of the proposed amendment of the Electoral Act 2006 by the National Assembly to accommodate manual registration, which is a recognition of the lapses in the constitution."

however warned all her prospective candidates to eschew violence during campaigns, at elections and after elections.

"We urge all our party candidates to cultivate the spirit of sportsmanship but we add that the process must be seen to be