

# Boy shot at AP's campaign rally in Minna

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AN unidentified young lad was shot Monday evening in Bosso town, Niger State as the campaign train of Accord Party (AP)'s gubernatorial candidate, Senator Isah Mohammed arrived the area for a late evening campaign.

The campaign ended on sour notes leaving tales of woes and anguish on the hap-

## candidate to build power station

electricity needs of the people.

Bunza lamented that the current PDP-led government, at both state and federal levels, was unable to address the problem, in spite of the numerous complaints lodged by the people.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that communities in the southern part of Kebbi have been suffering from epileptic power supply in the past six years.

However, Bunza called on the electorate to come out en-

less residents who rained curses on the party and the perpetrators of the sordid acts of thuggery and wanton destruction.

Also, in Tunga area of Minna the state capital, a band of lawless wayward youths went awry as the motorcade of Senator Isah Mohammed passed through the major high way late in the evening. The convoy ran into

mass and vote for ANPP candidates in Saturday's governorship and House of Assembly elections.

He thanked the people of the areas for their show of support during the campaign and assured them that the party would never disappoint them if it came into power.

The acting state Chairman of ANPP, Alhaji Musa Danmaliki, who spoke on the party's programmes for the state, also presented the party candidates to the people.

hitch as the youths ran amok and barricaded the road thus forcing the motorcade to change route and avoided the wrath of the band

The campaign train had earlier in the afternoon paid a visit to the Emir of Minna's palace where Senator Isah solicited for the blessings of the royal father just as he expressed aspiration over becoming the next governor of the state.

The Emir, Alhaji Umaru Faruq Bahago while receiving Accord Party's flag bearer in next Saturday's gubernatorial election enjoined him to impress it on his teeming supporters across the state to carry out their electioneering campaigns in good faith and avoid rancour.

But just as the campaign train made it's exit out of the palace, a band of thugs carrying machetes, cudgels, knives, sticks and other dangerous objects took over the streets shouting slogans of "change", "change", Sai Isah Mohammed, Niger sai Isah Mohammed".

And as the campaign train moved round town, it created

heavy traffic along the roads forcing most motorists to lament and hissed as the hold up lasted for several minutes.

The train moved to Bosso area where the Accord Party gubernatorial candidate has his campaign office where a teeming supporters had since early hours of the day waited all day for their flag bearer.

As soon as the motorcade of the campaign train arrived, another band of youths took over the streets of Bosso under captive brandishing dangerous weapons of different types, sizes, and shapes.

Flag bearer had barely entered the campaign office, when some youth engaged themselves in a fight over who gains entrance into the place before the other.

Senator Isah Mohammed's message to his supporters was not only scanty but without anything concrete as he barely said, "God bless you all" repeatedly.

Angry party members soon began to shout hoarse heaping insults and invectives on him, the scene soon became rowdy and the campaign train

hurriedly left the scene to escape an imminent wrath.

Angry supporters soon threw caution to the wind and as the motorcade sped out of the secretariat with some youths throwing pebbles on the convoy of the flag bearer. It soon began to fire gunshots to scare off marauding youths while the youth responded by throwing stones and other objects. Several vehicles on the entourage of the campaign train had their windscreens smashed in the process.

Two young men lay prostrate on the side road writhing in pains just as another one was carried by two young men into the campaign office with gunshot wound.

The sight of the injured young lad sparked off violent reactions as the youth went berserk destroying everything on sight in the campaign office to vent their spleen for the injured persons.

The campaign motorcade had by then escaped out of Bosso and was said to have run to Bida in the night leaving the areas of Bosso and Tunga in rowdy confusion.