3 die in Niger during jubilaton of APC's electoral victory •10 feared dead in Kaduna

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MIGER State police command has confirmed the death of three supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kontagora Local Government Area of the state, on Tuesday evening, during the celebration of electoral victory of the president-elect, Major-General Muhammadu Buhari, at the polls.

Confirming the incident on Wednesday, was the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Olusola Amore, in an interaction with newsmen in his office, at the state police command headquarters, Minna, the state capital.

He said the victims died in an autocrash while jubilating wildly on the highways, allegedly without respect for traffic rules, adding that the driver of the vehicle was arrested while the vehicle was also impounded by the police almost immediately after the accident had taken place.

"In fact, upon interrogation by the police, the driver confessed to the crime, but stated that he was driving on the road in the fateful Tuesday evening and was unawares that these deceased supporters of the presidential standard- bearer of APC, Major-General Buhari and their friends were on the road jubilating the victory on the highways, as he suddenly ran into them leading to the killing of the victims (names withheld), while others were injured in the process," he stated.

Amore said after the

investigation of the case must have been completed by the police, the suspect would be arraigned in court and charged for manslaughter and reckless driving.

Meanwhile, the police boss has assured that the command will effect the enforcement of the state wide curfew imposed by the state government on Tuesday, following the breach of the public peace by the alleged supporters of APC in parts of the state, including Minna, the state capital.

In a related development, no fewer than 10 people were reported to have died as a result of reckless driving and motorcycle riding in Kaduna and Zaria while celebrating the victory of Major-General Muhammadu Buhari at the just-

concluded presidential elections.

Sources disclosed that there was reported cases of reckless driving and motorcycle riding in different parts of Kaduna and Zaria by youths, resulting to loss of lives.

It was gathered that six people died in different parts of the state capital, the other four died in Zaria, when a trailer crushed them to death amidst celebration.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Zubairu Abubakar, disclosed that as far as the command was concerned, only four people were reported to have died in Zaria.

He. advised that people should celebrate in an orderly manner and not on the streets or highways.