

APC youth leader killed as rival groups clash in Kogi

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ONE person identified as a youth leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kogi State, Yakubu Agba, was on Sunday shot dead in Anyigba in Dekina Local Government Area of the state.

Apart from the Agba, some other persons were said have received gunshot injuries as members of rival political par-

ties in the area clashed.

It was gathered that Anyigba, the university town, was thrown into confusion at about 10:00 a.m when some youths went on rampage, shooting sporadically.

Many people, including Christian faithful, who were in churches around Agwudoko, where the clash occurred, had to scamper for safety.

Although the cause of the at-

tack was yet to be established as at press time, the victim was said to have been caught in the crossfire between the rival groups.

It was further learnt that the late Agba, who was also the chairman of Anyigba/Lagos bus loading point in the town, died instantly after being hit by the bullet.

According to some residents, the clash might not be

unconnected with the forthcoming November 2 governorship election in the state.

When contacted, the state's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Williams Aya, confirmed the incident, as well as the death of one person.

Aya also said another person, Alhassan Idoko, was injured during the attack.

The PPRO, however, added that the incident was not a po-

litical attack, but a case of culpable homicide perpetrated by unidentified gunmen who the command was already working to apprehend.

Aya explained that the division of the police command in the area was informed of the incident by a brother of the deceased, and "men of the division promptly moved in to restore normalcy in the town."