

# One killed, 15 injured as political supporters clash in Bauchi

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BAUCHI State government has confirmed that one person was killed while several others were injured when some political thugs clashed at Duguri, in Alkaleri Local Government Area of the state.

Duguri is the hometown of the state governor, Senator Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir, who is seeking reelection for a second term in office.

While briefing newsmen at the Government House in Bauchi on Thursday, the Director-General of Bala Mohammed Gubernatorial Campaign Council, Farouk Mustapha, alleged that the thugs were members of All Progressives Congress (APC).

He claimed that trouble started when the gubernatorial candidate of the APC, Ambassador Saddique Baba Abubakar, went to Duguri town for a campaign.

Mustapha accused supporters of the APC of instigating the crisis.

Also, the Director, Media and Publicity of the APC Campaign Council, Salisu A. Barau, blamed supporters of the PDP for the violence.

He said: "According to eye-

witnesses, sounds of sporadic shootings were heard around the premises where the campaign was being held, which made security operatives rush to the scene of the shootings."

Meanwhile, the state police command, through its spokesperson, SP Ahmed Wakili, said: "On Wednesday, the APC gubernatorial candidate went out on a rally at about 5:45p.m, at Duguri village, under Yuli-Yin ward in Alkaleri Local Government Area, and violence ensued during which 14 people were injured.

"Among the 14 injured, six were taken to the Primary Healthcare Centre in Duguri, where they were treated and discharged."

He said eight others who were seriously injured were referred to the General Hospital, Alkaleri.

"Immediately the command received the distress call, the Commissioner of Police, Aminu Alhassan, directed the Area Commander, Metro; the DPO, Mainamaji and the DPO, Alkaleri to commence investigation in earnest."

He, however, added that the situation had been brought under control.