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Thugs attacked the convoy of the gubernatorial candidate of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), Senator Baba Tela, killing one person and leaving seven others injured in Giade local government of Bauchi state.

Senator Tela's running mate, Mallam Ali Wakili, who disclosed this to newsmen at the weekend, alleged that "the thugs were sponsored by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) stalwarts in the local government."

Wakili said the thugs burnt five vehicles in the ACN governorship candidate's entourage and assaulted his supporters before the police came to their rescue and advised the campaign team to wind up its rally and leave the town.

"But, on their way to Azare, the thugs blocked the road and burnt another vehicle before the police again intervened and they were able to reach Azare."

Publicity director of the Senator Tella Campaign Organisation, Alhaji Yusuif Alkaleri said that the attack would not distract the electorates from voting for the ACN in the state and will not stop the party from going on with its campaign rallies.

Alkaleri urged members of the party and supporters of Senator Tela/Wakili ticket to remain calm and continue with their campaign, adding that the party would seek for compensation from the state government and the ruling PDP.

The state Police Commissioner, Mohammed Abdulkadir Indabawa said he is aware of the incident, adding that he advised the ACN to lodge a complaint with the police in Giade for necessary action.

Reacting to the incident, the Publicity Secretary of the PDP in the state, Sani Al'amin Mohammed and the Special Adviser on Political Matters to Governor Isa Yuguda, Abdulmumini Mohammed Kundak denied that the PDP or the state government was responsible for the

"It's mischievious for the ACN to blame the PDP and the state government; they forget that there are three gubernatorial candidates from Bauchi North belonging to the ACN, ANPP and CPC; why are they blaming the PDP. Let them report to the security agencies who will investigate and arrest whoever is responsible for the attack," they said.

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