

Kano: 4 feared killed, several vehicles burnt as political thugs clash

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Clashes among suspected political party thugs yesterday in Kano State have resulted in the killing of not fewer than four persons in the ancient city.

The violent clashes between yet to be identified rival political parties in Kano, resulting in the killing of four people also saw several vehicles burnt to ashes as the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP), Presidential Candidate, Dr Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso launched his final rally in the city.

Spokesperson of the Nigeria Civil Defense Corps, DSC Ibrahim Idris Abdullahi who paraded 63 political thugs arrested with dangerous weapons around Zaria Road, said they are not leaving any stone unturned.

DSC Abdullahi who confirmed the burning of several vehicles could not immediately state the political parties of those behind the heinous crime.

However, he said their Intelligence Department is investigating the matter and that as soon as they conclude they will forward those arrested to the

Court for prosecution.

An eye witnesses who did not mention their names testified that four persons were killed in the clashes between the rival political parties and that several houses were also burnt.

Our correspondent saw on Zaria Road, heavy traffic of NNPP presidential candidate's supporters awaiting his arrival for the final presidential campaign onslaught.

Police in Kano, had issued a statement appealing to both APC and NNPP to shelve their planned grand rally in the interest of peace and har-



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mony.

Spokesperson of the command, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, said the in the state-

ment that opposition parties should consider peace and unity of Kano and foregoing their intentions to carry out rallies.

Election: Vote, not fight, Methodist Prelate urges electorate

As Nigerians head to the polls tomorrow to elect the next president and members of the National Assembly, the Prelate, Methodist Church Nigeria, Dr Oliver Ali-Aba, has urged the electorate to vote wisely.

The prelate stated this in a statement issued yesterday by his Media, Public Relations and Strategic Communications Advisor, Rev. Oladapo Daramola, and made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos.

While stressing the need for

peaceful elections, Ali-Aba called on Nigerians to use their Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) to do the talking and eschew violence of any kind.

"The moment in which we are now is a historic one. It is a time that, as citizens, we have the opportunity to make a change that we anticipate will bring us the much-needed joy and happiness.

"We have endured pains and hardship for too long and we cannot afford to get it wrong again. To this end, we need to go out there and vote our conscience.

"All the candidates have presented us with their manifestoes and referred us to their track records. The choice is now ours.

"In making up our minds on which direction we intend to go,

"While doing this, we must avoid the temptation of being angry and violent.

"We must ensure we vote peacefully and defend our votes; ensure that votes are counted in our presence and we should push back any form of thuggery or brigandage that may jeopardise what we have laboured for," he said.

Ali-Aba noted that true change might not come easy, adding, however, that if Nigerians could go out to vote en masse and show commitment to a peaceful process, a beneficial change would come and a new dawn would shine on everyone.

He called on the political class and all the candidates to lead the way by avoiding negative rhetoric

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