

Suspected political thugs kill teacher in Bauchi

BAUCHI—A school teacher was beaten to

s suffer as new migrants

cardboard boxes ready for the journey back to China, just a few dozen kilometres away.

Others had abandoned their stock, now being sold by Russians at a much higher price than the Chinese had charged.

"I can't buy this for 1,000 roubles (\$40)," said Lida, a former engineer, gesturing at a stall behind her run by a Russian.

"I have a pension of 3,000 roubles a month and pay 1,000 for housing. How can I live?" She pulled her shawl over her shoulders and nudged on. The Chinese, like other immigrants, filled a gap because they were willing to work in markets and could supply products from China more cheaply than Russian equivalents. Many Russians rely on markets for cheap supplies because shop prices, especially in big cities, have reached Western levels while the average Russian earns only 1,000 a year.

death on Wednesday in Bauchi by suspected political thugs, amid concerns about the rising wave of political violence in the state.

The Bauchi state police command confirmed the teacher's death but could not give details on his identity.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mallam Alhassan Guga, told journalists yesterday in Bauchi that the teacher was attacked by some political thugs who apparently mistook him for a police officer. Guga said that the thugs, armed with clubs and machetes, beat the man to death at the Nasarawa-Jahun quarters in the Bauchi metropolis. He said that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary of the Bauchi Specialist Hospital.

He, however, denied the speculations that the deceased was a police officer, saying that investigations into the incident were still ongoing.

It was reported that two suspected political thugs were killed and many others wounded in separate clashes between PDP and ANPP supporters in the state.

Meanwhile, the state police commissioner, Alhaji Aminu Yesufu, has warned the governorship candidates of the two political parties about the wave of political violence in the state.