

Kure's convoy in road mishap, six feared dead

By Wole Mosadomi

MINNA — SIX people have been confirmed dead along Minna - Bida Road after the flag-off of the PDP gubernatorial campaign rally held in Bida, headquarters of Bida Local Government Area of Niger State, Monday night.

Four people died on the spot while the other two died on their way to the hospital.

Apart from the loss of lives, the Chief Political Adviser to the Niger State Governor, Captain Abubakar Isah Mokuwa and six others sustained serious injuries during the accident.

They are now receiving treatment at the IBB Specialised Hospital Minna but there are indications that the Chief Political Adviser could be flown abroad for further medical treatment.

The seven casualties were said to have suffered severe fractures on either their legs or other parts of the body.

Our correspondent reliably gathered that one Opel Kadet Saloon Car traveling to Bida lost control and colluded with one of the vehicles in the convoy of the PDP coming from the flag-off of the gubernatorial campaign train in Bida.

The clash it was gathered resorted into multiple clashes which led to the immediate death of four of the occupants of the Kadet car and leaving two others in the car seriously injured but lost their lives on their way to the hospital.

Earlier, the National Chair-

man of the PDP, Senator Ahmadu Ali had praised the wife of the Niger State Governor, Hajiya Zaynab Kure for her numerous achievements in the state through her pet project, Youth Empowerment Scheme, (YES).

Senator Ali said voting for Hajiya Kure is voting for progress and development and therefore called on the people of the state to vote for her in order to actualise her senatorial ambition and bringing development to the state.

The PDP National Chairman also exalted the virtues of the

PDP gubernatorial flag bearer, Dr. Muazu Babangida Aliyu whom he described as an achiever and who in no doubt will develop the state.

Also addressing the rally, the PDP gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Babangida Aliyu assured that he will embark on participatory government and therefore called on all to support him so as to win the election.

The Bida rally brought to an end the gubernatorial flag-off campaign held in the three senatorial zones of the state with the two others earlier held in Kontagora and Wushishi.

Security agents, armed youths clash

By Umar Yusuf

YOLA—NO fewer than five persons were confirmed dead, while many sustained various degree of injuries, when armed youths clashed with security operatives in Ngurore, a suburb of Yola, in Adamawa State.

Police in the area told *Vanguard* that the Skirmishes ensued when the security operatives believed to be National Drug Law Enforcement Agents, NDLEA Pursued some suspected drug barons into the town.

According to the police source, the youths apparently in an attempt to prevent the

arrest of the suspects barricaded the road leading to and from the town thereby causing traffic hold-up for over four hours.

The police source said in the ensuing confusion, the youths clashed with the security operatives leading to the death of many people.

When *Vanguard* visited the town, burnt tyres littered all the major streets, even as commercial and social activities that were hitherto paralysed have started picking up.

Scores of persons apprehended during the riot have been transferred to the state C.I.D headquarters in Yola for interrogation.

who preferred anonymity said there was nothing to worry about since there was a time limit for such appeal processes to be concluded.

Meanwhile, the state Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, Chief Sylvanus Lot said Dariye would be impeached again even if he is reinstated.

Lot told journalists on Tuesday that the party was not afraid of Dariye's return as the 14 members who he alleged were shielding him were no longer in the house "We are not bothered. What the law says is that two-thirds of members of the House are needed to impeach any erring governor. All the 14 members that have been shielding Dariye are no longer in the House. So with the present composition, if Dariye returns 10 times he will still be impeached 10 times," he stated.

When contacted, the Acting Commander of the NDLEA in Adamawa state, Mr I.K Peters refuted the allegation that his men were responsible for the clash.

Peters, who spoke on behalf of the substantive Commander who he said was on pilgrimage to Israel added that "as the officer in charge of operations of the command, I never ordered any patrol or raid along the Yola-Ngurore road".

"So, for someone somewhere to insinuate that NDLEA operatives chased suspected drug carriers to Ngurore and sparked off the recent riot there is completely false and baseless," he added.