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5 die as Buhari flags off North-West campaign

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By LUKA BINNIYAT

KADUNA-Supporters of the presidential candidate of Congress for Progressive Change, CPC, Gen. Muhammadu Buhari(rtd), yesterday, beat up people and vandalised cars as they recklessly drove on motor bikes and commuters buses, which led to the death of five persons in northern Kaduna metropolis.

This happened as Buhari flagged off his North-West presidential campaign ahead of the April polls, with an estimated 100,000 supporters of the former military ruler in attendance.

Buhari found it impossible to leave his car for over an hour to take his seat at Murtala Mohammed Square as a mass of unruly party buffs sandwiched his car, ecstatically screaming his praise and trying to touch his SUV.

After a concerted effort by a combined force of all the security agencies, Buhari was taken out of the car to the podium where he hurriedly gave a brief speech.

However, the supporters drowned his voice with the sounds from drumming, singing and shouting. “The government of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, has introduced hunger and insecurity to a frightening dimension.

“PDP has encouraged insecurity by dividing Nigeria along ethnic and religious divides.

“The CPC, when voted into power, would first and foremost tackle the problem of insecurity. Because without peace and security, there can never be development,” he told the crowd.

National Chairman of CPC, Prince Tony Momoh, said: “We are grateful for this large turn out.

“The hundreds of thousands that are gathered here today are the real people, the real Nigerians that would cast their votes.”

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LUKA BINNIYAT.....Your report is so lopsided that it is clear that you are from that extraction that hates the fulani so much(and by extension, Buhari), so the reception is not worth reporting, the free supporting crowd is not worth supporting, and to even see that this news item didnt make your front newspaper headlines shows that your hands in VANGUARD must have been greased. So a mammoth campaign like that is reduced to death of 5 persons. Too bad LUKA.

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Every GEJ rally or campaign is a headline news on Vanguard, but that of buhari's that has shown that Nigerians wants change is reported casually and only negative aspect was emphasis. this shows that there is no fair level playing ground for the opposition. hail Vanguard for GEJ.

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franklineros 6 days ago

This is a great beginning for cpc, i hope there should be a better control of the masse of that there will be no lost of life anymore. May the soul of the dead rest in peace. The numbers of supporters that came out show that nigerians are really hungry of Change.