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Presidential election: 20 killed in Bauchi, Gombe

No fewer than 20 people were fear dead in **Gombe** and Bauch state yesterday following the violence that erupted immediately after the results of the presidential election were announced.

In the **Gombe** State capital, the home of the PDP chairman in the state, Mr Jack Gupy located in Abuja quarters was set ablaze by irate youths suspected to be Congress for Progressive Change (**CPC**) **supporters**. Five people were reportedly burnt to death in the house.

In another incident, 10 people were killed and cars, houses and other valuables destroyed, in different parts of Bauchi State including Misau, Alkalari, Wunti-Dada, Kofar Dumi, and Azare, as irate youths, mostly under-aged believed to be **supporters** of one of the parties unleashed terror on innocent people in the name of protecting votes cast in favour of the party.

Nigerian News gathered that tension enveloped **Gombe** town when **CPC supporters** suddenly went violent attacking innocent people.

It was learnt that their action was prompted by a text message that went round that the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state had planned to rig the election in favour of its presidential candidate, Dr Goodluck Jonathan.

According to an eyewitness, the protesters suspected to be **CPC supporters** were reacting to text messages that the PDP had already perfected moves to rig out the **CPC** candidate, General Muhammadu Buhari (ret'd).

"On Saturday night, **CPC supporters** in their hundreds besieged the INEC office in the state capital before the results were announced. They were there throughout the night. They broke windows in the INEC office and vandalized cars," the source said.

The returning officer, Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) Abdulrahman (ret'd) had to come out and appeal to them to be calm. "After the result was announced on Sunday afternoon, the youths went to Governor Danjuma Goje's house and attempted to set it ablaze but were prevented by security men. They left the Government House and made for the home of the former minister of state for education, Mrs Aishatu Dukku at the Abacha's quarters and vandalized cars parked within the premises and part of the house. From there, the youths who were armed with matchetes and clubs proceeded to the house of the state PDP chairman and torched it.

According to the eyewitness, "five people were also burnt to death and one **policeman** on duty killed in the process." Unconfirmed report had it that four **others** were killed by stray bullets.

The police was yet to announce the number of people so far arrested, but Commissioner of Police Mr Suleman Lawal has announced movement restriction in the state capital as a result of the crisis.

In Alkalari, the irate youths torched buildings and cars just as the Chairman of Kirfi Local Government Council, Ibrahim Galadima and that of Bauchi LGC, Sabo Abdullahi

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