

there would be retaliation. You can feel the fear in the air, he added.

2) 1 dies, 3 injured in Lagos Trade Fair Market crisis

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THERE was pandemonium last Sunday at the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex, along the Badagry Expressway, as one person was shot dead while three others were injured during a fracas between two rival groups.

The development forced the management of the market to shut down the Balogun Business Association (BBA) section of the complex.

The tragic incident, which happened on Sunday, April 4, reportedly occurred when the task force set up by the complex's management board attempted to halt alleged illegal construction activities within the premises. According to reports, the enforcement team was met with unexpected armed resistance.

Witness accounts indicate that individuals suspected to be affiliated with the association had encroached on unleased sections of the complex, where they were erecting unauthorised structures in violation of regulations that prohibit construction, especially on Sundays and without approval.

Upon arrival, members of the task force reportedly came under heavy gunfire from within the site. One member was shot dead, while three others sustained serious injuries.

Reacting to the incident, the Executive Director of the management board, Veronica Ndanusa, ordered the immediate closure of the BBA section of the complex.

"I ordered the closure of the BBA section of the complex to prevent further breakdown of law and order after a security task force member was shot dead on duty yesterday, being Sunday," she said.

Ndanusa emphasised that the complex is federal government property managed under the Ministry of Trade and Investment and warned that operations in the affected area would remain suspended until those responsible for the attack are identified and brought to justice.

"I want to make it clear that until the killers of the task force member are fished out by the BBA, the plaza will remain shut and under police lock and key."

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