

5 confirmed killed in Suleja

Five people were confirmed killed during the hunger protest on Thursday in Suleja town in Niger State. The victims were among the victims of bullets allegedly fired by the police who were stationed around a roundabout behind “A” Police Division, as well as Suleja Police Area Command.

Our reporter gathered that three of the dead victims lived in the metropolis, while the two others were residents of UTC and Hayin-Nasara areas. The deceased are Yahaya Nda Isa (39), a carpenter; Abubakar Musa, a commercial motorcyclist; an almajiri boy whose name was yet to be ascertained; Abdussalam Shamsudin (23), a mechanic; and Abubakar Yusuf, a commercial motorcyclist.

Six were also confirmed to have been injured from the gunshots. The victims include Sa’adu Ali, Ja’afar Adamu, Bilyaminu Yunusa and Sa’adu Sumaila.

Our reporter who was at the Suleja General Hospital on Saturday gathered that two of them were transferred to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in Gwagwalada, while the other two were taken to their home state, Kano.

Speaking to our reporter, a family member of one of the victims, Dauda Rabi, said that there was an order given to the government-owned hospitals not to treat the victims. He lamented that the only treatment that the victims received there was to stop their bleeding, which alone cost one of them about N26,000.

He said, “All of them left the hospital with the bullets still in their bodies, and as a result one of the victims, Abubakar Yusuf, lost his life on the way to his hometown, Sumaila, in Kano State.

Speaking on the issue, the DPO of Suleja, CSP Muhammad Shettima, denied knowledge of any loss of life or injury during the incident. He, however, accused the protesters of attempt-ing to invade their division having attacked a sister agency.