

Police Shot Live Bullets At Us, Shiites Allege

.Protest Killing Of Member

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Abuja – Saminu Hazare, a member of the Media Unit of Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), has related how the police in Abuja allegedly shot live bullets at members of the group who, on Monday, took their protest to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Abuja.

The group had stormed the NHRC with remains of one of their members who was alleged to have died from gunshot wounds in an undisclosed hospital in the city.

The victim was said to have sustained the wounds during their protest last week when operatives allegedly shot at the protesters.

The police in Abuja had, last week, engaged members of the Islamic sect in a cat and mouse game in their continued agitation for the release of their leader, Ibraheem Elzakzaky.

Hazare told DAILY INDEPENDENT that members of the sect had taken the corpse of their dead member to the NHRC as evidence of alleged police brutality and proof that live bullets were

being used in the battle by operatives to clear the sect from the city centre.

He explained that as the group approached the commission, the operatives again allegedly launched an attack on them, shooting several canisters of tear gas and arresting many.

Asked whether any person was killed today as reported in many news channels, Hazare responded that nobody lost their life but noted that many members of the Islamic sect sustained injuries and were taken to the hospital.

Efforts made to reach the police were unsuccessful at the time of filing this report.

DSP Anjuguri Manzah, Police Public Relations Officer, FCT Command, told our reporter that he was driving. Subsequent calls to his line were not answered.