

# Shiites Bury Four Of Their Members In Bauchi

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**M**embers of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) popularly known as Shiites, on Thursday buried four of their members that were allegedly killed by the police on Tuesday in Bauchi State capital during the 'Ashura' procession.

Daily Independent reports that the procession was disrupted following a clash between the police and the sect members as police hurled tear gas and shot some of the Shiites.

Speaking shortly after the funeral prayers for the deceased held at Kobi football field, Bauchi, State leader of the sect Malam Ahmad Yusuf Yashi represented by his disciple Malam Zilkallaini Aliyu

revealed that the slain members include Uzaifa Adamu, Hussaini Haruna, Uzaifa Sunusi and Ahmed (surname withheld).

He said their members were staging peaceful rally when police allegedly attacked them shooting and stabbing the demonstrators around Bauchi Central market which resulted to the death of four persons aged 16 to 20 years.

Yashi lamented that if other Muslim sects and

faithful of other religions could be allowed to practice their faiths without hindrance, Shiites should not be persecuted.

According to him, they have been conducting rallies for over 20 years without violence, adding that the attack on the members was uncalled for.

Recall that the Nigeria police has proscribed the sect and banned all street protests by them in recent time.

## Idimogu Assures Constituency Of Govt Presence

Hon. Jude Chukwuemeka Idimogu representing Osodi/Isolo Constituency 02 in the Lagos State House of Assembly has assured the constituents of adequate government presence.

Idimogu was speaking at the First Ninth Assembly Constituency Stakeholders' Meeting which took place simultaneously in all the 40 Lagos State constituencies.

The meeting which has the theme, "Environmental Challenges: Community Engagement to Facilitate

Lasting Solution took place at Clou Event Centre in Isolo.

Idimogu thanked the people who stood by him during the election.

He said that he would channel the complaints made by his people to the appropriate quarters. Of particular reference was the issue of flooding which he said he would refer to the Ministry of Environment.

At the event attended by Council Chairmen of both Isolo and Ejigbo, Idimogu also issued stern warning

to people in the constituency who were building on drainages and asked them to begin to relocate.

Idimogu also frowned at the activities of okada and revealed that the state government would be coming up with new policy on okada very soon.

He stressed that everybody is part of government and appealed to members of his constituency to be alive to their environment even as he instructed them to stop anybody seen causing nui-

sance to the environment.

Idimogu also called on the people to pay their taxes as and when due in order to enable government discharge its numerous responsibilities.

He stated that Lagos State Assembly was unhappy with the state of funding in the state.

"As an assembly, we are not happy with issue of funding, many of you do not pay their taxes, government needs money to work," he said.

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