

#EndSARS: Three Die In Stampede, As Looting Spree Continues In Abuja Warehouses

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ABUJA- Three women were said to have been trampled to death during the looting of a massive palliative warehouse in Gwagwalada, Gwagwalada Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory(FCT) Abuja.

Our Correspondent gathered that, some who were suffocating were helped out of the building and were assisted with sachets of water to revive them.

Independent learnt that, some of the hoodlums climbed fences from adjacent compounds near WAEC office while others push their ways through the back of Fidelity Bank premises to gain entrance.

Parts of the roofs of the warehouse was broken by hoodlums to provide access into the hall.

An eyewitnesses account revealed that, “Personnel of the Nigeria Civil Defence and Security Corps (NCDSC) , the Nigeria Police and the Brigade of Guards of the Nigeria Army, who arrived the venue early, blocking the roads with their vehicles, were overpowered and watched as people made cart away with the Covid-19 palliatives.

“At about 8.43am as youths gathered within the areas, leading to the warehouse, which was built within five months by the Gwagwalada Area Council.”

“As they gathered in thier hundreds, shouting and expressing anger over the sufferings in the land, they were joined by motorcyclists who came with stories of looting and raid incidents from other parts of the country.

“By 9 am, security personnel could no longer control the crowd mostly youth and women who forced their ways into the warehouse, broke the doors and part of the wall and began looting all items inside the building”, he stressed.

We also learnt that, youths from the suburbs of Angwa Dodo, Wazobia Parks, Tipper garrage, Passo and surrounding areas of Gwagwalada markets joined the massive crowd to help themselves to the looting of the palliatives.

Saying; “This is our money, these people are wicked to have hidden these products and refused to share them.”

Items looted were bags of rice, cartoons of indomie noodles, spaghetti, macaroni, bags of fertilisers, Indorama products, brand new motor bikes, grinding machines, bags of salt, bags of Sugar, and cartoons of soaps.

By 11.23am, some reinforcements of security operatives forced their ways into the massive warehouse, which had Covid-19 written on it and shut it down.

They did not use tear gas or fire any shots, which could lead to stampede and more deaths.

Some youths were disappointed as they were unable to make it to the warehouse before security operatives shut it down.

However, people were seen moving around the warehouse and the main road, which leads to the Secretariat of the Gwagwalada Area Council as at the time of filing this report.