

Four killed in scramble for palliatives in Kogi

Four unidentified persons were said to have lost their lives on Sunday afternoon in Kogi as hundreds of residents stormed a state warehouse in Lokoja in search of COVID-19 palliatives.

The warehouse on the Murtala Muhammed Way, close to Kpata market, was reportedly invaded mostly by the women as early as 7a.m. on Saturday, through yesterday.

The fatalities, it was gathered, resulted from the stampede by the palliatives seeking people, who rushed at the government's warehouse.

The state government had last week began with the distribution of the palliatives to the 21 local government areas.

Each local government area got at least one trailer load of palliative items, including rice, Semovita, Indomie noodles and pasta in 10 kilogramme packs.

The siege of the warehouse, it was gathered, might not be unconnected with an order by Governor Yahaya Bello that the remaining items be distributed to people.