

Shi'ites deny killing police ASP

MEMBERS of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN) popularly known as Shi'ites yesterday denied killing one police officer Ezekiel Adama.

Police clashed with the group at Berger Roundabout on Friday as the sect protested against the detention of their leader Sheikh El-Zakzaky and his wife Zeenah.

Adama, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, was fatally stabbed during the faceoff, and the police ac-

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cused the protesters of killing him.

A leader of the Academic Forum of the Islamic Movement, Abdullahi Musa yesterday denied the charge.

He said, "Our attention has been called to a press release by the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Yusuf Mariam that the FCT Police Command successfully restored calm at Berger Roundabout after it had

professionally dispersed a violent protest on Friday, 7th May, 2021 and during the operation ASP Adama was stabbed to death by the protesters.

"With respect to the alleged killing, we wish to categorically disassociate Free Zakzaky protesters and the Islamic movement under the leadership of His Eminence Sheikh Ibraheem Zakzaky from the killing of ASP Ezekiel Adama. We are not party and also not responsible for what hap-

pened to ASP Ezekiel Adama around 3pm at Berger Junction.

"In Fu'ad Lababidi Juma'at Mosque, where we started the protest, there were numerous top government officials including a serving governor, with their security details and we neither harassed nor attacked anybody. While protesting, we passed across Wuse Zone 3, Police Station and Police officers; we neither attacked nor harassed anybody."