

# One killed as police disperse protesting Shi'ites in Abuja

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A man identified as Muhsin Abdallah was killed on Monday as police dispersed

protesting members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria in Maitama, Abuja.

The Abdallah was reportedly hit by stray bullets believed to have been fired by policemen while many others were also said to have sustained injuries.

The Shi'ites were demanding the release of their leader, Ibrahim El-Zakzaky; and his wife when the incident occurred.

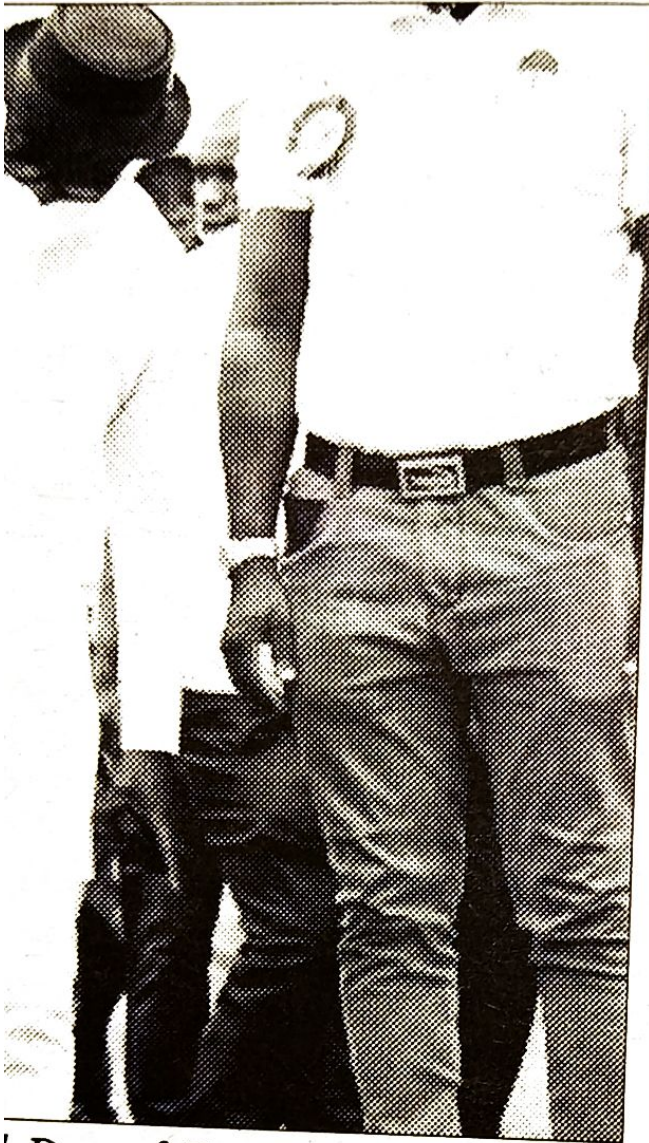
The IMN spokesman, Ibrahim Musa, alleged that "the police fired on the Shi'ites procession killing Muhsin Abdallah and injuring scores of others."

But the Federal Capital Territory Police Command which was silent on Abdallah's demise, said its men dispersed the IMN procession after the protesters went on a rampage.

The command spokesperson, Mariam Yusuf, said the operatives "successfully restored calm in Maitama after professionally dispersing a violent protest by some members of the proscribed Islamic Movement of Nigeria."

Yusuf in a statement added, "Unfortunately, the members of the disbanded sect went on a rampage destroying public property and attacking innocent citizens, including police officers with stones and other dangerous objects

"In view of the above, the command wishes to state that it will not condone any form of attack on its personnel, equipment or other public property."



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excuse to attack innocent people.

"Why is the Nigeria military not bothered about the revelation about the existence of 300 Fulani camps with stockpiling of AK-47 across South-East? Why not take quick action against the Fulani militia waiting for orders to invade our communities?"

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