

Israel-Hamas: Two feared killed as police, Shi'ites clash in Kaduna

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SEVERAL members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria, otherwise known as Shi'ites, on Thursday, stormed the street of Kaduna protesting the ongoing war between Israel and Palestine in Asia.

The Shi'ites, in their hundreds, condemned what they termed Israeli attack on Palestinians.

This was just as stones and pebbles flew freely in different directions as the Islamic sect marched through the Muhammadu Buhari Way, formerly WAFF Road in the heart of the city while motorists and other road users scampered for safety.

The development, an eyewitness said, forced police operatives to disperse the protestors with live bullets

which allegedly resulted in the death of two.

However, the spokesman for the Kaduna Police Command, Mansir Hassan, told our correspondent that only one person died, blaming the situation on the sect.

"The movement came out today, Thursday 16, November 2023, knowing full well the ban on public procession in the state. They intended to disrupt social and economic activities in the state. They blocked the major roads in the metropolis, preventing innocent and law-abiding citizens from carrying out their daily businesses.

"Our operatives (police), in the process of dispersing them, were pelted with stones and other dangerous objects such as catapults and in the process, one innocent civilian by the name Aliyu Sani (40 years old) was hit and he died.

"The public knows the Shi'ites are violent people who can never protest peacefully and everybody knows that they have been outlawed in the state."

The protestors carried placards which such inscriptions as 'Death to Israel!', 'We support Palestine,' among others, while a pamphlet distributed, declared support for Palestine.

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It partly read, "He called for a proactive management of safety in all units and commands and specifically directed operational units where newly acquired aircraft would be domiciled to commence the process of aggressively identifying hazards associated with the arrival and operations of the new platforms and finding ways to manage the risks involved."

Abubakar noted that owing to the increasing number of operations the Air Force was conducting, the service could not escape operational hazards.

He said, "We are aware that an increase in operational tempo will lead to an increase in hazards associated with our operations in line with ICAO's postulation that hazards are

the by-products of production or operational activities."

Abubakar, however, stated that safety management in the Air Force was a major priority and core function given the technical and complex nature of assigned tasks and roles of the service.

"The NAF is fully committed to developing, implementing, and reviewing policies to ensure that NAF operations and other activities are conducted in a safe environment.

"I expect us to redouble our commitment in this regard to ensure that as an organisation and as individuals, every NAF unit and personnel have the responsibility to ensure that safety practices and standards are maintained in all activities," he said.