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Tension in Aba, as traders protest killing of colleagues

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Commercial activities were grounded in Aba at the weekend, as angry traders protested alleged killing of their colleagues by officials of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Abia State command.

Business activities came to a halt along Faulks road which leads into the Ariara International market as traders protested the brutal killing of their members by officials of NDLEA.

Ariara Commercial banks and shop owners along Faulks road, A Line, Power Line gate 1 and 2, Samek, Bakassi Line were forced to

close down as the situation went out of control. Sunday Sun gathered that the three affected traders were in their shops for the day's businesses when the stray bullets from officials of NDLEA hit

them.

According to a source, the tragedy struck following indiscriminate shooting by a team of the operatives which entered the market.

In the ensuing melee,

the source said, many traders were injured. One of the victims hit by the bullet was said to have died on the spot, while two other traders died later from injuries sustained from the gun shots. NDLEA claimed they were looking for hard drug dealers.

No plan to shut down Intercontinental Hotel -Customs

Nigeria Customs Service has clarified its position on the ongoing battle to compel defaulting rice importers to pay outstanding duties owed the Federal Government.

In a released statement made available to Sunday Sun, its Public Relations Officer, Wale Adeniyi, said the clarification became necessary in view of media reports

that Nigeria Customs Service plans to shut down Intercontinental Hotel. According to him, the confusion was created in view of the association of its owners, Milan Nigeria Limited with one of the defaulting Importers.

"Our records have shown that Intercontinental Hotel is not indebted to the Nigeria Customs Service, and will therefore not be shut down as insinuated. It is also nec-

essary to clarify that the defaulting importers targeted for sanctions, Conti Agro Nigeria Limited is a separate legal entity from Milan Nigeria Limited, owners of Intercontinental Hotel," he stated.

He further explained that the management of Conti Agro had commenced engagement with the Customs to make payments of duty owed by it and resolve the issue.