

Four feared dead, 20 injured as Police, Shiites clash in Kaduna

• *No, we didn't use live ammunition — PPRO*

By Ibrahim Hassan-Wuyo

No fewer than four persons were feared dead while 20 others sustained various degrees of injuries when operatives of the Nigerian Police clashed with members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) also known as Shiites during a procession to mark the International Qud's day in Kaduna on Friday.

The commotion which turned violent, made traders to close shops while people were seen running for safety, as gun shots were heard coming from the ever busy Kano road axis.

An eye witness said the Police attempted to disperse members of the proscribed Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) known as Shiites, who were holding a procession and had gathered around Kano Road, Ahmadu Bello Way Kaduna.

Residents in the affected area panicked and remained indoors while the confusion lasted.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Kaduna Command, ASP Mansir Hasan told journalists that three personnel were injured and taken to the hospital for treatment. He said it was not true that Police killed members of

the IMN, as no live ammunition was used during the incident. One of the Shiite leaders, Malam Aliyu Tirmizi, said four of their members were killed while 20 others were injured.

He said "we usually come out

Edo Guber: We'll scuttle the process, if..., NRM

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The National Rescue Movement (NRM) on Friday issued a stern warning to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), stating that they will disrupt the electoral process in Edo State if their demands are not met.

At a protest rally held at INEC's Abuja headquarters, NRM leaders voiced their strong objection to the omission of their gubernatorial candidate, Dr. Dennis Osaron Aikoriogie, from the list of candidates for the forthcoming September 21 election.

The party leadership decried INEC's decision to leave out Dr. Aikoriogie from the list released on Sunday, March 31, 2024, as an egregious oversight.

According to the party, INEC had showcased the candidates from 17 political parties for

on the last Friday of every Ramadan to protest peacefully and show our support to the people of Palestine for the inhuman treatment they are facing, joining other members of the public world-over in

the upcoming Edo State gubernatorial race.

However, the NRM lamented that despite their candidate having participated in the legitimate primary elections—monitored by INEC officials from both National Headquarters in Abuja and the State HoD GAP in Benin, and extensively reported by the media—his name was conspicuously absent from the list posted on Saturday by the Edo State INEC office, under the watch of Resident Electoral Commissioner Dr. Anugbum Onuoha.

Olusola Afuye, National Publicity Secretary of the NRM, declared, "The National Rescue Movement (NRM) demands that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) should immediately upload the name and credentials of our candidate or risk scuttling the entire process which has cost the country a lot of taxpayers'

protest against the ill treatment.

"We usually have a peaceful procession but this time around, as we were about to start, the police came and threw tear gas at us and started shouting and in the process, four of our members were killed while 20 were injured."

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Afuye shed light on the underlying issues fueling the current situation, pointing to the perceived partiality of a top director at INEC.

According to him, the official has allegedly shown vested interest in the party and a blatant disregard for due process by obstructing the party's right to self-governance.

"It would interest you to know that the background and originating issues precipitating the present situation is not unconnected with the apparent bias of the Ag Director of Election & Party Monitoring, who is presumed to be neutral and non-partisan, but has however wilfully refused to allow members of our great party to freely exercise our rights to choose how our internal party affairs should be run and governed," the spokesperson continued.

Furthermore, the NRM emphasized the urgency of