

Nigeria: Abuja Killings - Traders Vow to Sue DSS, As Death Toll Rises to 10

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The shooting by security operatives at an uncompleted building behind Apo Legislative Quarters, Abuja last Friday which claimed eight lives took a new turn yesterday as Garki Modern Market Traders Association vowed to drag the security service to court claiming those who were killed were its members and were innocent.

This is just as the death toll in the shooting has risen to 10 as one of the injured victims died yesterday at the hospital.

One of the survivors recounted his experience giving a graphic detail of how the incident happened.

Traders Association to sue DSS

Garki Modern Market Traders' Association has started briefing its lawyers with a view to dragging the Department of State Service, DSS, to court over the killing of its members at an uncompleted building, behind the Apo Legislative Quarters, in Abuja, last week.

The Secretary of the association, Murtala Abubakar, said that they had already reported the murder of their members to the Senate and the National Human Rights Commission for appropriate actions against the murderers.

Abubakar lamented: "Those people are eligible traders trading in our market so I don't see why they should be killed."

According to him, "We lost two of our members as now, while eight were seriously wounded by the soldiers who shot them at close range. Five others are missing as we speak.

"The security agents did not recover anything not even a gun. They were just saying that our members opened fire on them but they were just saying it to cover up because they don't have any proof that these people are Boko Haram"

Abubakar added that the DSS was still holding two of the association's members who were arrested on Friday morning as they went back to collect their property from the scene of massacre.



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