

Shiites protesters stab police officer to death in Abuja

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In a shameless and mischievous statement released by the spokesperson of the FCT Command of the Nigerian Police Force, ASP Mariam Yusuf late Friday, she funnily alleged that one ASP Ezekiel Adama of the same command was stabbed to death by members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria who were observing the annual International Quds day in Abuja.

The harebrained scribe of the Police in her desperation to paint black a Movement that has been peaceful for more than four decades of its existence forgot that freedom of association, movement, thought and worship are enshrined in the Nigerian constitution.

In about 30 Nigerian towns and cities this culture of expressing solidarity to the oppressed people of Palestine, otherwise known as the Quds day was marked peacefully. It ended peacefully in all these areas and this brings us the question of why the Abuja edition was attacked by the cops that lack the technical know-how to track bandits or even put a stop to what they describe as banditry in the country at a time when Nigeria dearly craves for such.

The mission of the statement that Mariam shared with the press if the Force read all the reactions from netizens would come to understand that it is dead on arrival as many Nigerians rebuked the police for attacking these peaceful protesters that over the years have remained unprovoked despite series of premeditated bushwhacks.

Similarly, some Nigerians have questioned the rationale behind trying to 'disperse' a peaceful gathering that poses no security threat to anyone as Palestinian flags, banners with inscriptions of solidarity with the oppressed people and pro-Palestinian slogans being chanted were all that was characterized by the peaceful protest before Police brutal intervention turned it into a violent one.

On the other hand, comments from some newsreaders bombarded the Nigerian government and its Police for not channelling the same energy in handling with groups that have denied the country especially the Northern part peace for years.

Besides, Mariam and her paymasters can only pretend not to know that in April alone, the Nigerian Police attacked FreeZakzaky protesters at Banex Plaza Abuja on 14th where five people sustained gun injuries which subsequently led to the martyrdom of Hassan Abubakar Aliyu (Hassan Garba). On 16th men of Force shot three FreeZakzaky protesters in Kaduna, barely two days after. Again on the 19th of last month, the Police fired live bullets on the Abuja protesters along Sky Memorial in Wuse area of the capital city.

Surprisingly, Mariam failed to justify the previous attacks in her statement, all of which have been documented and reported by all news mediums.

No matter whose job, Mariam Yusuf, FCT Commissioner of Police Bala Ciroma and the Inspector General of Police Usman Alkali Baba are out to achieve by attacking the peaceful disciples of Sheikh Zakzaky and other people of conscience that were out to protest the continued Israeli occupation of Palestine and issuing fictitious statements, it will not erase the fact that the members of the Islamic Movement are the most peaceful and organized religious group in Nigeria.