



Nigeria: The Zaria Massacres and the Role of the Military

Friday 25 July was a fateful day in Nigeria this year. One of the 50 plus nation-wide annual demonstrations in support of the Palestinians was brutally attacked by the Nigerian military. Some 33 people were killed, with some dying in custody. At least two more were killed the next day in a similar attack on the funeral preparations.'

This panel presents the report of IHRC's fact-finding mission to Zaria, and presents eye-witness testimony and analysis from key people involved.

As the report finds, there are serious systemic issues regarding the role of the military in Nigeria and the curtailment of basic rights.

Venue: Room XXIV, UN Palais des Nations

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Confirmed Speakers:

**Sheikh Ibraheem
El-Zakzaky**

El-Zakzaky is the leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria. He has been a fierce critic of corruption and political malpractice, and has been imprisoned and attacked as a result over the course of several decades. The recent killings have also targeted his family and he will be discussing the events of those days.

Massoud Shadjareh
Chair, Islamic Human Rights Commission

Shadjareh led the fact-finding mission to Zaria and will present the report's findings.

Dr. Musa Shuaibu
Shuaibu is a medical doctor in Zaria and was one of the doctors treating those wounded in the attacks.

Sheikh El-Zakzaky and Dr. Musa Shuaibu will be joining the panel live by video connection.

Refreshments will be served during the event.