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Dear Brother Wabba,

Murder of women on health work in Kano

Public Services International is profoundly concerned and saddened by the murder of the ten women in Kano earlier this week. We know that they were members of the Medical and Health Workers Union of Nigeria.

These women, who were part of the National Immunization Programme aiming at eradicating polio in the country, were killed by gunmen on motorbike while vaccinating children in the Kano province. This attack will hits efforts by global health organizations to clear Nigeria's mostly-Muslim North of the polio virus, which can cause irreversible paralysis within hours of infection.

On behalf of Public Services International and its affiliates around the world, I wish to express our sincere and deepest condolence to their families and to your union. May their soul rest in eternal peace!

Public Services International urges the Federal Government to make sure that justice is made. The murderers must be apprehended and judged for their crimes.

In solidarity,

Rosa PAVANELLI General Secretary

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