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**NIGERIA EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES TO PAKISTAN OVER
ISLAMABAD HOSPITAL FIRE**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria expresses its profound condolences to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan following the tragic fire incident that resulted to the death of at least fourteen (14) newborn babies in the maternity ward of the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad on Wednesday, 26 August 2026.

On behalf of the Government and people of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Bianca Odumegwu-Ojukwu, extends sympathies to the Government and people of Pakistan, particularly the bereaved families who have suffered the devastating loss of their children as well as those injured in the unfortunate incident.

Nigeria commends the prompt response of the Pakistani authorities to the incident and notes the directive for an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragic fire.

The Government and people of Nigeria stand in solidarity with the Government and people of Pakistan during this difficult period and pray for strength and comfort for the bereaved families as well as speedy recovery for those injured.

Signed:

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