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Your Excellencies,

Seeking International Democracies' Visa Bans And Other Justice Actions Against State/Non-State Actor Perpetrators In Mass Atrocities And Other Internationally Prohibited Acts Ravaging Nigeria's Imo State

About Intersociety

The International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (Intersociety) is Nigeria's leading rights, democracy, rule of law, public and citizens' security and safety advocacy Organization since 2008. Intersociety is led by criminologists, lawyers, graduates and post-graduates of security and peace studies and conflict resolution; journalists and so on. We generate our reports through research, investigation, documentation and publications. Intersociety is a registered body-corporate in Nigeria since April 2008 and was formed in July 2008.

Introduction

- 1. In 29 Months (Jan 2021-May 2023) Under Gov Hope Uzodinma In Nigeria's Imo State: Security Forces And Allied Militias Killed 900 Unarmed Citizens, Wounded 700, Arbitrarily Arrested And Detained 3500, Extorted 1,400, Disappeared 300, Burned Down 1,200 Civilian Houses, Displaced Their 30,000 Owners And Forced 500,000 Citizens In Active Age-Brackets To Flee To Escape Being Shot And Killed Or Abducted And Disappeared In Security Custody**
- 2. As Armed Non-State Actors: Fulani Jihadists, Counterfeit Agitators, Death Squads, Street Violent Criminal Entities, Etc, Killed 700 (400 In Captivity And 300 In Open Shootings) And Abducted 900**

We are humbly bringing the attention of the 29 respected Democratic Sovereign States represented by Your Excellencies concerning the Special Research and Investigative Report recently carried out by Intersociety and highlighted above. The Report was concluded and unveiled on 21st May 2023 at international media conference in Enugu in Eastern Nigeria and was widely published by most of the leading media in Nigeria including the Vanguard, Punch, Sun, This Day, the Nation, the Leadership, the Daily Telegraph, the Daily Independent, Guardian, Daily Post, African Examiner, Daily Asset and News Express and News-Band Others are the Nigeria-Lawyer, the Trent, the Nigerian Voice and the African Independent Television (AIT) and some international news media and so on.

The Report also contained several sections including local, regional and international legal frameworks, lists of victims and state/non state actor perpetrators as well as local and international justice action clarion calls. For full details of the Special Research and Investigative Report, the link is here: <https://intersociety-ng.org/armed-state-actors-and-armed-non-state-actors-killed-1600-unarmed-citizens-in-29-months-in-imo-state/>

Calling For International Visa Bans And Other Justice Actions

The leadership of the International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (Intersociety) is strongly calling for international visa bans and other legal, moral and legal justice actions by the respected International Democracies above written. We also call for an end to butcheries and civilian house burnings in Imo State and apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators involved; be they armed state actors or armed non state actors and conspiratorial appointed or elected public office holders. The international justice actions under demand will be capable of unmasking those that *killed, abducted, disappeared, arbitrarily arrested and detained and tortured; those that aided, abetted and omitted to act to stop the killings, abductions, disappearances and torture; and those that were killed, abducted, tortured and disappeared.* They must also unmask *when, where, how and why the killings, abductions, arbitrary arrests and detentions; torture and disappearances.* To be identified, too, are *the type, location and number of houses and other defenseless civilian properties burned down or destroyed and those responsible for burning or destroying them and why they were burned or destroyed and under whose directives*

Why The Perpetrators Shall Be Slammed With Visa Bans And Tried At ICC

The leading perpetrators listed in the Page 33 (last page) of this Special Research and Investigative Report and their immediate families shall be placed on visa bans and barred from international entries and participations and awards and other forms of international career, professional and private dealings or exchanges. Specifically, the present Government and Governor of Imo State, identified as having grossly omitted to act and aided and abetted as well as egregiously and grisly conspired in the mass atrocities shall be slammed with such visa bans and barred from entering the 29 Respected International Democracies written to. The Hope Uzodinma Government of Imo State shall further be suspended from receiving the international development assistance. The leading Global Democracies being called upon are USA, Canada, Australia, UK, EU, France, Germany, North America, South America and credibly democratic South-East Asia (.i.e. South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Philippines, etc).

The respected International Democracies written and being called upon are also prayerfully urged to mount pressure on Nigerian Government to do the needful in full compliance with its regional and international obligations under UN and AU Systems by launching full-scale probes and criminal enquiries in Imo State so as to end the mass atrocities and fish out the perpetrators and have them severely punished in accordance with the international norms, best practices and law. Where the Government of Nigeria remains adamant the respected Home Governments/International Democracies called upon, should put consistent pressure on the International Criminal Court (ICC) to urgently intervene by investigating and prosecuting the perpetrators listed in page 33 of the Report. Those in the top in the perpetrators' list that must not escape international visa bans and other international justice actions include Gov Hope Uzodinma and the Imo State Commissioners of Justice/Attorneys-Generals and those in charge of Information as well as Special Security Advisers since Jan 2021.

Identified State Actor Perpetrators In The Imo Mass Atrocities

Gov Hope Uzodinma, Gov of Imo State and funder/general overseer, Ebubeagu Government Militias of Imo State, the Imo State Commissioners of Justice/Attorneys Genera and Information as well as the Special Adviser to Gov Hope Uzodinma on Security since January 2021 till date. Key security chiefs involved as at 2021/2022 include: Major Gen Toareed Lagbaja (as he then was), GOC, 82 Division, Enugu (2021/2022), Brigadier Gen Raymond Utsaha (as he then was), Brigade Commander, 34 Brigade, Obinze near Owerri (2021/2022), Brig Gen M. Ibrahim (as he then was), Brigade Commander, 14 Brigade, Ohafia, Abia State (2021/2022).

Others are: Col Abdulsalam Abubakar Sambo (as he then was), Cantonment Commandant, 302 Artillery Regiment, Onitsha (2021/2022), Major H. Ahmed (as he then was), Commanding Officer, Onitsha Cantonment Military Police (2021/2022), Navy Commodore SH Abdullahi (as he then was), Commander, Nigerian Navy School of Finance and Logistics, Owerrenta, Abia State (2021/2022), the Commanding Officers of 211 Regiment of the Nigerian Air Force, Owerri (2021-2023), DIG Tijani Baba (as he then was), DIG in charge of Force Bureau of Criminal Intelligence/Intelligence Response Teams (IRT, 2021/2022), CP Abutu Yaro (as he then was), Commissioner of Police, Imo State (2021/2022), SP Bala Elkan (as he then was), Imo State Police Command Public Relations Officer (2021/2022), AIG Habu Sani Ahmadu (as he then was), AIG-FCIB, Abuja (2021/2022), CP Sadiq Abubakar (as he then was), CP-IRT (2021/2022), DCP Adepoju Ilori (as he then was), DCP-IRT (2021/2022), DCP Kolo Yusuf (as he then was), DCP-IRT, Abuja (2021/2022), DCP Abba Kyari (as he then was), DCP-IRT, Abuja (2021/2022), DCP Tunde Disu (as he then was), DCP-IRT, Abuja (2021/2022), SUPOL Vincent Makinde (as he then was), one of the chief torturers at FCIB, Abuja; Inspector Ekwueme Daniel (as he then was), "General IPO in charge of Biafra Matters" at FCIB, Abuja, SUPOL Abbah (as he then was), "Biafra Matters' Prosecutor" at FCIB, Abuja. Some of torturers/custodial executioners at Owerri Tiger Base of the Police IRT as at 2021/2022 included Officer Ndidi, Officer Nickolas, Officer Ola, Officer Utaba, Officer Uzor, Officer Bello, Officer Ebele and Officer Omimi. Those involved under 2022/2023 are *Major Gen Umar Musa, immediate past GOC 82 Division, Enugu, Major Gen Aminu Chinade, current GOC, 82 Division, Enugu, Brig Gen Sani Suleiman, 34 Brigade Commander, Obinze, Brig Gen Adegoke Adetuyi, 14 Brigade Commander, Ohafia, Col M.B. Abubakar, Commander, 302 Artillery, Onitsha, AIG Abutu Yaro (repeat-perpetrator), DIG Sadiq Bello, DIG-FIB or FCIB, Abuja, AIG Mamman Sandra, AIG-Zone 9, Umuahia, AIG Shuaya'u Lafia Abdulyari, AIG-FCIB, and CP Mohammed Ahmed Barde, Commissioner of Police, Imo State.*

Yours Faithfully,

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