

Intersociety To Imo CP Audu Garba Bosso: Alleged Atta-Njaba Violent Criminal Network, Torture And Killer Chambers Must Be Dismantled, Victims Freed And Perpetrators Brought To Book As Ordered By The Inspector General Of Police

...strongly condemns Anambra Government's violent enforcement and commercialization of End of Monday Sit-at-Home and harassment and intimidation of traders and persecution of Some Anambra school head teachers

Enugu-Nigeria: Thursday, Feb 12, 2026: The International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law, Nigeria's leading Organization advocating for human rights, democracy, good governance, rule of law and security and safety since 2008, is calling on Police Commissioner Audu Garba Bossp of Imo State to comply to the letter, the recent directive of the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Agbetokun, PhD by thoroughly investigating and dismantling the Atta-Njaba violent criminal network allegedly run by a group of illegally armed persons headed by one Chibuike Duru (a.k.a. Nwangbenta) and members of his alleged killer gang, presently laying siege on Umuejike in Egwedu Autonomous Community of Atta in Njaba Local Government Area of Imo State. It is recalled that **Intersociety** recently in collaboration with Anambra State security outfit, dismantled a similar violent criminal gang in Uli part of Anambra State. The dismantled killer gang was responsible for killing, since 2022, of no fewer than 12 persons, most of whom hailed from Egbuoma in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State-during which scores of victims on death row were also rescued and freed.

The unchecked violent activities of the alleged killer gang in Atta-Njaba was said to have ranged from serial and premeditated murder to maintenance of torture chamber including detention cages, running of violent criminal network, abductions and enforced disappearances, threats to life, unlawful and prolong detention with torture and other sub-human treatments including physical body mutilations. The long list of the alleged atrocities was also said to have included malicious destruction of properties, unlawful possession of firearms including prohibited firearms in the range of AK-47 rifles, widespread intimidation, humiliation and extortion of local market women, neighbours, local politicians and other members of the public-using "unknown gunmen or IPOB/ESN membership" as a pretext or cover.

For purpose of thorough and conclusive investigation, therefore, we are aligning ourselves with the recent investigative directive by IGP Kayode Agbetokun to CP Audu Garba Bosso of Imo State Police. The IGP's written directive was dated Feb 5, 2026 and titled: **"Re: Petition Against The Murderous Activities Of One Chibuike Duru (Alias Nwangbenta) And His Gang Of Killers, Ranging From Serial Murder..."**; and followed a petition, dated Jan 29, 2026 by the Law Firm of J.U. Ijeoma and Associates in which Imo CP Audu Garba Bosso was superiorly directed by the IGP to **"deal with the subject matter in line with extant directives on investigation as contained in Police Wireless Messages CB: 4001/IGP.SEC/ABJ/VOL.121/110 DTO:241300/01/2025 respectively"**. The detailed petition of Barr Uche Justus Ijeoma, a onetime head of Campaign and Publicity Department of the Intersociety followed series of complaints and concerns raised by some worried citizens of the area.

We hereby call on CP Audu Garba Bosso and the Imo State Police Command to dutifully and conclusively carry out the IGP's clear and precise directive and avoid commercialization and compromising the investigation-tantamount to flouting the IGP's order. Not only that the IGP's investigative directive should be thorough and conclusive, but also the den of the atrocious conducts must be dismantled and the victims and their properties freed and recovered; and the perpetrators and their sponsors exposed, identified, arrested and brought to book and made to face multiple murder and related felonious charges.

Calling On Soludo Government And Extortionist Officials Of The State Government To End Violent Enforcement And Commercialization Of End Of Monday Sit-at-Home, Harassment Of Traders And Persecution Of School Head Teachers: The Prof Charles Soludo led Government of Anambra State is strongly condemned for using violent and mercantilist approaches to enforce the End of Monday Sit-at-Home especially in the independently built markets across the State. We at **Intersociety** are further worried that the State Government is dangerously militarizing the State markets and related business environments and their commercial activities. As a matter of fact, knowingly or unknowingly, the Soludo Government and top appointees of the State Executive Council and the State Local Government System are going too far by their militarist and militant approaches including by dangerously planting resistance instincts among the peace loving traders in the State. This is even when traders in Anambra State are not only law abiding but also widely respected for holistically partnering with and obeying all the policies and actions of the past and present Governments of Anambra State including paying for taxable and non-taxable items. Anambra traders, despite being constantly harassed, intimidated and forced to pay for non-taxable items such as sachets of 'pure water', tubers of yams, red oil, cooking vegetables, toilet rolls, etc., have never used "Monday Sit-at-Home" as an excuse for not paying a motley of State and its Local Government-imposed levies including constantly increased stallage levies, capitation levies, sanitation levies, on-load and off-load levies, parking lot levies, waste management levies, shop building and amendment approval levies and dozens of roadside and motor park emblem levies and related others imposed on every business and private vehicle particulars' renewal-amounting to not less than 30,000-N50,000 or more per trader.

Our recent findings have clearly indicated that "Monday Sit-at-Home" was already fizzling out or dying a natural death across major parts of the South-East including Onitsha and environs where market shops and their lines are gradually bouncing back to business, only to be re-ignited by the likes of Governor Soludo through his wrong, violent and militant approaches including selective issuance of threats and unguarded media outbursts. The "Monday Sit-at Home" was originally driven by threats to life and properties and voluntariness, but was later hijacked by several social activities dominated 65% by Catholic, Anglican and Pentecostal churches across the State including "miracle performing and healing centres and ministries"-out of which the remaining 35% was hijacked by urban township and community activities, leisure and entertainments including football. We are surprised that Governor Soludo and his men carefully dodged those church leaders and singled out traders and their market leaders for tyrannical threat, harassment, intimidation and hybrid extortion per his top appointees. Governor Soludo and his men also avoided commercial banks across the State that had consistently closed businesses every Monday.

While we at Intersociety see nothing wrong or have nothing against naturally and conscientiously ending the "Monday Sit-at-Home", but the haste, venom and utter alacrity with which Governor Charles Soludo Government of Anambra State is going about it apparently looks as if it is "the Voice of Jacob but Hands of Esau". We have seen Governor Soludo threatening fire and brimstone against defenceless, peace-loving and law-abiding traders of the Onitsha Main Market and their Ancient Market ("Otu-Nkwo")-the oldest and largest urban market in Igbo Land and "Chief Deity of all the urban markets across Igbo Land"-founded centuries ago by the Nri and the Onicha-Mmili Nobles and Aristocrats and Priest-Kings". We have also seen Soludo's men invading Anambra markets like a swam of hungry bees-targeting to milk traders dry by indiscriminately shutting down and locking up their independently built market stores and demanding hundreds of millions of naira as "penalties for shops locked on Mondays".

The above is to the extent that a top official of Governor Soludo's Government in Onitsha South Local Government Area boasted at Onitsha Bridgehead Market last Monday that "his target is to lock up 250 shops every Monday and collect N1m each as penalty-translating to N250m". Totality of the above means that if care is not taken, the Government of Anambra State under Prof Charles Soludo and his overzealous appointees will wake up one morning and start regulating and transacting on citizens' mode of sleeping, breathing, bathing, feeding and worship". Governor Soludo's punishment of some school head teachers across the State is also strongly condemned and amounted to "persecution". Our question is: how on earth would a teacher or a head teacher force parents to forcefully bring their children to school especially in this period of heightened and widespread insecurity and other unsafe conditions-whereby conventional and unconventional security outfits are also widely accused of being "state actor generators of insecurity and other unsafe conditions"-more so when they can kill or mutilate citizens including children and falsely label them "IPOB/ESN Sit-at-Home enforcers" or "children hawking for or providing food for IPOB/ESN Monday Sit-at-Home enforcers gunned down in gunfire between gallant security forces and IPOB/ESN hoodlums enforcing Monday Sit-at-Home".

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