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Friday, 24th March, 2023.

The Director-General,
Department of Security Service,
Aso Drive, Abuja.

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Dear Sir,

PETITION AGAINST HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, FOR MAKING UNFOUNDED ALLEGATION OF TERRORISM AGAINST HON. OLUSOLA KILANI OLUMO, HONOURABLE MEMBER OF THE KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING IJUMU CONSTITUENCY.

The above subject matter refers, please.

We are Solicitors to **Hon. Olusola Kilani Olumo**, member of Kogi State House of Assembly representing Ijumu Constituency (hereinafter referred to as “the petitioner” and/or “our client” interchangeably as used in this letter) and it is on his instruction and mandate that we write to you in the manner set hereunder.

Background of Facts

This Petition is presented to formally bring to your notice that **Governor Yahaya Bello, the Governor of Kogi State (herein referred to as the Governor)** has perfected a plan and hatched a clandestine move to set the machineries of Kogi State and Government against the Petitioner by painting him in bad light (as a terrorist) to settle political scores with the Petitioner, especially given the grave penal and social consequences which the allegations carry in present-day Nigeria.

His Excellency, the Governor of Kogi State has particularly alleged that the petitioner and the persons of Hon. Bello Hassan (Representing Ajaokuta Constituency), Hon. Muhammed Lawi Ahmed (Representing Okene 1 Constituency), Hon. Moses Akande (Representing Ogori Magongo Constituency), Hon. Aderonke Aro (Representing Yagba West Constituency) Hon. Daniyan Ranyi Bassa, Hon. Atule Igbunu (Representing Ibaji Constituency), Atachaji Musa (Representing Idah Constituency) and Hon.

Muktah Bajeh (Representing Okehi Constituency) are all terrorists and/or are involved terrorist activities, allegation which is spurious and untrue, as far as our client is concerned.

The Motive of the marching order

The motive behind this unfounded allegation is because of the just concluded elections, wherein the Governor mandated the Petitioner alongside the afore-listed Honourable Members of the State House of Assembly to deliver their respective constituencies **“at all costs”**, whether by **“legal or illegal”** means, which the petitioner rebuffed being a law-abiding citizen and ardent follower of Mr. President’s stance and insistence on having free and fair elections.

Consequence of not following the marching order

It is instructive to state that the Kogi State House of Assembly under the leadership of Rt. Hon. Mathew Kolawole, the Speaker of the House, acted the script of the Governor and suspended the Petitioner alongside the afore-listed persons from the House of Assembly, relying on an incendiary letter written to him (the Honourable Speaker) by the Governor, alleging the Petitioner (along with others) of **“acts of terrorism”**, even without any basis or proof, despite the fact that the Governor’s angst against the Petitioner is simply because of the Petitioner’s failure or refusal to circumvent the Electoral Act, against the wish and will of the people, by ensuring **“victory at all cost”**, in his constituency for the candidates of All Progressive Congress in the just concluded 2023 House of Assembly Polls.

The Governor was miffed by the Petitioner’s patriotic acts, vowed to deal ruthlessly and politically with the Petitioner, hence, the letter written by him (Mr. Governor) to the Kogi State House of Assembly, asking the Speaker of the House to suspend the Petitioner and the other members under reference by whatever reason. This is a case of clear witch-hunt to make false allegations against our client on the unfounded allegations of terrorism; a classic case of **“calling a dog a bad name in order to hang it”**. The Petitioner thus, has no choice but to bring Governor Yahaya Bello’s evil plan to your attention for your intervention and proper investigation to prevent a situation where the Petitioner will suffer in the hands of a high complex scheme of Governor Yahaya Bello, without any justification.

We reiterate the fact that the Petitioner is a Honorable Member of the Kogi State House of Assembly and is an upright citizen of Nigeria and reputable

representative of his constituency. The petitioner is accordingly loved by the good people of his constituency for the Petitioner's good works and pro-active representation. The Petitioner has informed us and we rightly believe him that he has absolutely nothing to gain from any act of terrorism or connivance against fellow Honorable members or against any person at all, as alleged by the Governor.

Unfounded Allegation

Considering the above, we have the mandate of the petitioner to unequivocally state that this allegation of terrorism is totally unfounded, a falsity, a clear witch-hunt of the Petitioner's integrity and good character and same was done in bad faith by the Governor.

Our confidence in the system

The Petitioner has the confidence in your good office that justice will prevail in this matter and your office has always ensured that the lives and properties of citizens are secured and protected. It is our belief that justice will be served upon proper investigation by your office, as the Petitioner is at the risk of a mob-action or illegal punishment for sins not committed, if the Governor is not restricted and stopped from his hell-bent intention of punishing the Petitioner for his patriotism and sticking to his honest beliefs, dictates of the law and good conscience, in line with the belief of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Petitioner trusts in your high sense of justice, fairness and equity and looks forward to a favourable and speedy response and we no doubt share the petitioner's optimism in this regard.

While thanking you for your anticipated co-operation in the matter, we express our client's openness to deliberations on the matter to further clarify their position.

We remain,
Yours faithfully,

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