



ITSEKIRI HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (I H R W)

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**PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
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Your Excellency,

A SAVE OUR SOUL, (SOS) ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, BOLA AHMED TINUBU TO CALL AYIRI EMAMI TO ORDER

Mr. President, we bring you warm greetings from Warri Kingdom; the home of the Itsekiri People. Warri Kingdom comprises of Warri North, Warri South, and Warri South West Local Government Area, all in Delta State, Nigeria. The Itsekiri People are also found in Ondo State and Edo State.

Your Excellency, it is with a sad heart that we write you this letter as natives of Itsekiri, whose Communities and People are now being terrorised, traumatised, threatened, and constantly intimidated. Our crime? An unwavering allegiance to our King.

Mr. President, since the coronation of our Revered Monarch and Father His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR the Olu of Warri on August 21, 2021 one Mr. Ayiri Emami a Member of your party- the All Progressive Party (APC) in Delta State, has been on rampage, causing public disorder, threatening peaceful co-existence, and boasting both secretly and publicly that he has the backing of the presidency especially the National Security Adviser (NSA) Nuhu Ribadu, to take laws into his hands by beating, maiming, assaulting, and attempting to kill innocent Itsekiri Citizens.

Ayiri has continued to attack both in print, electronic, and social media since his accession to the throne under the guise that our King Mother is Yoruba, and as such is not fit to ascend the ancient stool of Warri Kingdom a stool that is an offshoot of the throne of Oduduwa.

Mr. President, we make bold to say that Mr. Ayiri Emami is not acting alone but with the full support some other APC Members and his sympathisers .

Sir, it may interest you to know that aside several occasions in which Ayiri has demonstrated that he meant his words for the past two years, on February 2, 2024 when His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR, the Olu of Warri visited Ugborodo Community to assess a fire incident and to offer prayers for blessing of the land, Mr. Ayiri Emami mobilised armed thugs to not only threaten to kill, but his armed thugs went ahead to block the landing jetty in Ode-Ugborodo with debris, so that His Majesty would find it impossible enter the community.

On that occasion, some of the people were too traumatized to leave home, as they were held in their homes against their will. Some of those who dared to welcome His Majesty were afraid to return to their homes for fear of being beaten up by the thugs associated with Ayiri Emami.

On Saturday March 2, 2024 Mr. Ayiri Emami in what can be termed an assassination attempt on our Revered Father once again mobilised his armed thugs to prevent His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR the Olu of Warri from entering the Okere Community Town Hall to offer prayers after leaving a reception in his honour as part of activities of his visit to Okere Community.

The disciples of Ayiri hurled stones at The Olu of Warri, shot indiscriminately, and this led to pandemonium among the crowd, as efforts were being made to protect our Father. The same group of criminal minds started to attack old men and women with matches, guns, etc and stole valuable belongings to the guests in attendance.

Prior to this Your Excellency, eye witness report had it that on Friday March 1, 2024 at about 23Hours, Ayiri had visited the Okere Community with a group of boys, and held a meeting with some of the local boys, instructing them to cause mayhem the next day Saturday March 2, 2024, while assuring them that "nothing will happen to them" as he has the NSA and the Presidency in his pocket.

He went further to state that if the Presidency dares to betrays him, he has enough contact within the Senate to box the Presidency into submission because of some information at his disposal.

Mr. President, the actions of Ayiri and his cohorts clearly contravene Chapter IV of the Nigerian Constitution which you swore to protect. For the avoidance of doubt, we will like to state that every Nigerian has fundamental rights as enshrined in Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended; which by definition every Nigerian Citizen recognized is inherently entitled to the Right to Life, Right to dignity of human persons, Right to Personal Liberty, etc

This Chapter of the Constitution is in line with the United Nations Human Rights Charter, which clearly enumerate the inalienable rights of every human when it states that; "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person. No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the skave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

Mr. President, Ayiri Emami with support from his cohorts have not only blatantly contravened these laws but has done so with impunity.

Ayiri Emami has rendered many indigenes of Ugborodo Community persona nongrata to their communities. He personally banished them from going home and has instructed his armed thugs to kill anyone not in his good books in Ugborodo.

Mr. Ayiri Emami has made human lives next to nothing before his boys. We are afraid that our lives may soon be snuffed out if you don't act swiftly to bring things under control and ensure our lives including the safely of our properties.

Sir, we have been reliably informed that the events of February 2, 2024, in Ugborodo, and March 2, 2024 in Okere Communities, will be replicated in every community His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR the Olu of Warri will visit, and that any person or group of persons of Itsekiri extraction who followed the Olu of Warri to such visits or dare welcome him will be doing so at his or her peril.

Mr. President, on Monday March 4, 2024 at about 22:00 Hours Ayiri and his boys (all wearing masks) invaded Okere Community (around the Town Hall Ogwa) shooting sporadically into the air and at anyone in sight.

His boys were singing praises of him on various social media platforms especially Facebook as this was going on. It took the intervention of God that no one was killed as our people scamper for safety and run for their lives. Another shooting incident by Ayiri boys occurred around 6:00 Hours Tuesday Morning.

Mr. President we have been facing these horrors from Ayiri for over three years now despite the ongoing litigation challenging the Coronation of His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR, the Olu of Warri. One wonder what would have been the state of Nigeria today if the opponents of Mr. President in the 2023 general elections had decided to take laws into their hands by maiming and brutalizing law abiding citizens while the court process was ongoing under the guise the elections were rigged just as Mr. Ayiri Emami is doing today.

Mr President peace in Itsekiri land and Warri Kingdom is sancrosant as one of the naturally endowed city blessed with vast oil and gas resources.

Your mandate for a better and prosperous Nigeria must not be jeopardize by those who "claim" to be close to the corridors of power .

Your Excellency, we implore you to use your good office to call Mr. Ayiri Emami to order else it will be taken that truly, he has you and the NSA in his pocket hence you cannot uphold the Constitution you swore to protect.

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