

PETITION TO PM BORIS JOHNSON MP

The Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Boris Johnson MP

Grave concerns about the lives and security of the indigenous people of Yoruba Nation based in Nigeria

I am contacting you as a **Yoruba indigene [an individual from the Yoruba origin]** to plead for your support regarding the plight and serious security threats to the lives of the Yoruba Indigenous people and the potential war that may be waged against them by the current Nigerian government.

We understand that several delegates on Friday 2 July, met with Members of the House of Lords, including Baroness Caroline Cox and Lord David Alton, to raise these issues.

On Thursday 13 September 2007, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples was adopted by the General Assembly. This Declaration is regarded as the most comprehensive international instrument on the rights of indigenous peoples. According to Article 43, this Declaration enshrines the rights that constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world. Self-determination is a cardinal principle of the United Nations for all indigenous peoples in their ancestral lands and is a human right in international law.

The Yoruba Nation through the collaborative efforts of the Nigerian Indigenous Nationalities Alliance for Self-Determination (NINAS) has been engaging with the United Nations to facilitate the legal and peaceful exit of Yoruba Nation and other indigenous peoples from Nigeria. Please click on this <https://freedomfromnigeria.com/> for comprehensive details of the work of NINAS.

The Nigerian Government, however, is criminalising the Yoruba Nation agitators who are asking for self-determination and seeking to exercise their rights by terrorising, using the might of security agencies to go after them. Notably, on Thursday 1 July, the Nigerian Department of State Security invaded the home of one of the leaders – Mr Sunday Adeyemo aka Sunday Igboho – at around 1am in the morning, shot indiscriminately for over an hour, killed two people, dragged their bodies away and took several people in the

residence away to Abuja – the capital of Nigeria. We understand that there are arrangements currently going on in Nigeria to secure their release.

You may find these interviews 1) with one of Nigeria's civil rights lawyers and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria Mr Femi Falana <https://youtu.be/IEVEgcfFI10>; and 2) a Nobel laureate Prof Wole Soyinka <http://fb.watch/v/4qWqcvyof/>, about the grave situation the indigenous peoples in Nigeria are currently facing of interest.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Yoruba Nationals, UK